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SI No. 1(R) p. 1-6/Cor.

FR may kindly be seen.

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry affidavit filed by Dr. Tilak Raj Sareen, New Delhi w. submitted vide para 4 of the affidavit that the records of the prepared by Messrs Finney and Davies accompanied by two Officers, H.K. Ray and K.P. De after the reported air craft at Taipei ha been declassified and requested that G/o India may be urged to make all reports Commission for closed scrutiny. As such the Commission has desired that the authenticated Xerox copy of the report referred at para 4 of the affidavit be made available if those are in the possession or under the control of G/o India.

We may take up the matter with IB to ascertain whether they have such reports as per D.F.A.

M.S. Zuhra
(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

DIRECTOR (IS-II)

M. S. Zuhra
5/9/12

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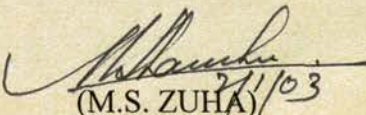
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JMCI has asked for the extract from the report dated 31.12.1945 of the CSDIC which was sent by the IB to the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee.

In the affidavit dated 27.2.2001 filed by Mrs.Sangita Gairola the then JS(IS-I) of this Ministry had submitted that the above said extract can be provided to the Commission if needed.

As the said extract is available with IB, we may take up the matter with IB for furnishing the requisite documents to the Commission under intimation to this Ministry as per DFA.


(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

DIRECTOR(IS-II)


06/04/03

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Sl.No.8 (R) - FR-III

Ref. FR - I

In response to our U.O dated 6.1.03 P 9/cor. regarding furnishing of copy of CSDIC report dated 31.12.1945 sent to the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee, IB has intimated that the above said copy has already been sent to Sh.P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, JMCI, Kolkata with copy to this Ministry also.

Since the copy of the report of CSDIC has already been made available to the Commission, It appears that it is not a classified document and may be resent to Secretary JMCI as per DFA-I.

Ref. FR - II

Cabinet Secretariat has requested to forward the copy of letter No.15/11/99-Pers.5 ((New Pers.3) - 242 dated 10.1.03 from Research and Analysis Wing for onward transmission to JMCI as per DFA-II.

Ref FR - III

For information only.

M. S. Zuhair
17/1/03
(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

Director (IS-II)

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17/1

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Ministry of Home Affairs
IS(D.V) Desk

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Ref. PUC

The JMCI had asked for the authenticated copies of the reports prepared by H.K. Ray and K.P. De referred in Para IV of the affidavit filed by Dr. Tilak Raj Sareen presumed to be available with IB.

The matter was taken with IB vide this office letter dated 9.12.02 (P 7/cor.)

IB vide FR has intimated that no report prepared by H.K. Ray and K.P. De as mentioned by the deponent T.R. Sareen is available with them. Accordingly we may inform JMCI as per DFA.

M. S. Zuhra
3/2/03
(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

DIRECTOR (IS-II)

IB report is marked
1 (sent) as we send to
JMCI?

yes
09/2

Doc on marking

A revised draft is placed below.

U.S.
4/2/03

Dir (IS-II)

M. S. Zuhra

yes
09/2
Doc on marking

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9/2

Ministry of Home Affairs
IS(V) Desk

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Pl. examine and put up early
Sd/-
JS(IS)
dated 10/2/03

Urgent
Pl. examine & put up
Sd/-
Dir (IS-II)
dated 11/2/03

Ref. FR

In the matter of re-examination of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo to ascertain whether DNA test be carried out, MEA have sought advice of MHA on the issues raised by the chief priest of Renkoji Temple Sh.Rev.Mochizuki and Mrs. Krishna Bose, MP.

Sh.Rev. Mochizuki has expressed some concern with regard to the opening and re-opening of the mortal remains of Netaji in view of the religious sensitivities under the Buddhist traditions and desired a formal request and a communication from the Indian leadership and also some notification by the Govt. of India with regard to the DNA testing.

Mrs. Krishna Bose, M.P has also desired that D.N.A testing must be done with utmost respect being shown to the remains and it must not be disturbed until prior and proper arrangement have been made by selecting Top DNA Experts in the world.

As the ^{process of} DNA testing has been initiated on the advice of JMCI, we may seek the views/comments of the Chairman, Mukherjee Commission before a reply is sent to MEA.

Submitted please.

DIRECTOR (IS-II)

M. S. Zuhra
(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

yes pl. by. write to
JMCI. Resubmit with DSA

M. S. Zuhra
11/2

A DSA. is placed below. However, the issues involved is extremely sensitive and require to be discussed at high level consultation with Chairman, J.M.C.I.
Submitted pl.

Dir (IS-II)

M. S. Zuhra
13/2/03

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from pre-page

It is from MHA enclosing discussion
the letter of Ambassador of India in Tokyo
referring, in turn, to the letter of
Smt. Krishna Bose, MP regarding the exami-
nation of mortal remains of Netaji Subhash
Chandra Bose, placed in Rinkaji Temple,
Tokyo. She has mentioned about
the conduct of the Embassy officials
who visited the temple on the instructions
of Justice Mukherjee Commission, and
has asked for the Govt's reaction.

This is a very political sensitive
issue. We must seek the comments
and views of the Commission as it
had visited the temple to examine
mortal remains of Netaji with a
view to conduct DNA Test.

May like to see before
issue.

ISC/S

Chakraborty
13/2

We may first seek the views of
BPRE on this, in the first instance.
Y14/v

Ref. note above

We may seek the views of BPRE
as per D.F.A. placed below for sign. & issue pl.

Chakraborty
17/2/03

Dir (IS-II)

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21/11/03

M. Senthil

14/2

Document

IS-V

Ref. F.R.

F.R under submission is a reminder from MEA regarding the question of conducting D.N.A test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

In this connection, it may be stated that as directed by the (JS(IS), the matter has been taken with the DG, BPR&D vide p.32/Cor and the reply thereof is still awaited.

Dir (IS-II) may like to remind or discussed with D.G, BPR&D over phone to expedite their views.

M. S. Zuha
(M.S. Zuha)
Desk Officer
26.2.2003

Dir (IS-II)

I am trying to talk to him. He is not available. Meanwhile, we can send another D.O. regarding.

M. S. Zuha
27/2

D.O. (M. S. Zuha)

Pl. issue in d.o. placed below -

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Dir (IS-II)

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Pl. speak to
DG/BPR&D

Sd/-
JS(IS) 13/3

Pl. put up

Sd/-
Dir(IS-II) 13/3

Submitted please.

In connection with D.N.A. Test, Dir (IS-II)
may like to discuss this issue with
DG/BPR&D to expedite the reply as
desired by JS (IS).

M. K. Khanna
17/3

Dir (IS-II)

Already requested in phone.
by respondent with draft d.o.
transmitted.

M. K. Khanna
27/3

Dir (IS-II)

Put up on
26/3/03.
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Sl.No.18(R) – FR-I
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Sl.No.20 (R) – FR-III

Ref.FR-I

Urgent
I have spoken to
DG, BPR&D. He says
that he has sent the reports.
Pl. put up
Sd/-
JS(IS)
dt.26/3

*Since no report has been received
from BPR&D, we may await for the present.*

Ref.FR-II & FR-III

In the matter of copies of the reports prepared by Sh.H.K. Ray and Sh.K.P. De as mentioned in para 4 of the affidavit of Dr.Tilak Raj Sareen the factual position has already been communicated to the Commission vide this Ministry's letter dated 4.2.03. We may intimate JMCI as per DFA.

M. S. Zuhra
31/3/03
(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

DIR(S-II)

M. S. Zuhra
07/4

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Ministry of Home Affairs
IS(V)

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FR may kindly be seen.

Based on the direction of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry as to whether DNA test could be carried out of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji lying in the Renkoji temple, Embassy of India intimated that Professor Mochizuki Hirai, a DNA expert who is a professor in the Deptt of integrated Bio-Sciences, graduate school of Sciences, University of Tokyo has agreed to assist and do the requisite examination as required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission to ascertain whether the mortal remains of Netaji could be tested for DNA. On the other hand they also approached priest Reverend Mochizuki, the chief priest of Renkoji temple for seeking his assistance in the matter.

The priest Reverend Mochizuki who was deeply disturbed by the way in which officials of the Embassy had ordered him to open the casket containing Netaji's mortal remains without any proper explanation and desired that in view of the religious sensitivities under the Buddhist traditions, a formal request and a communication from the Indian leadership and also some notification by the G/o India with regard to DNA testing be issued for re-opening of the casket.

Mrs. Krishna Bose MP and Chairperson, Standing Committee on External Affairs also reminded that the casket containing Netaji mortal remains was opened only twice before by Reverend Mochizuki senior, the current priest-father once for PM Jawaharlal Nehru in the 1950's and the second time for her late husband Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose in 1965 and desired that DNA testing must be done with utmost respect being shown to the remains and it must not be disturbed until prior and proper arrangement have been made by selecting top DNA expert in the world.

MEA have sought our advice as well as considered views of the Govt. on the parameters for identification of a suitable DNA expert whether there should have both a Japanese and Indian experts working on this project and the process of re-opening of the casket is undertaken respectively.

Subsequently the matter was taken up with DG, BPR&D to confirm whether the DNA testing of the remains alleged to be Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is possible in the absence of suitable parameters and whether such testing (DNA test) can be considered to be a reliable parameters to ascertain that the mortal remains lying in the Renkoji Temple belongs to Netaji. DG, BPR&D has intimated that the DNA experts views in the matter have been obtained which inter-alia states as:

- i) DNA profiling test can be taken up on bone fragments/parts of Skull But it is not possible to do the test on ashes, formed as residue due to incineration at high temperature.
- ii) DNA profiling of the bone fragments/skull needs comparison with the DNA profiling of control samples of biologically connected relatives, if supplied.
- iii) However, chances of success of DNA test can be known only after subjecting the mortal remains for DNA isolation and genotyping.

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In the light of the above, it may be mentioned that although DNA testing is possible but a final decision for DNA test has to be taken after a thorough consideration whether it would be permissible to allow DNA testing after the lapse of 58 years. Moreover, slight change in the result may create a hue and cry. If the result is in positive then the entire issue will be resolved. In case, the result comes in negative as to the DNA result does not tally with the biological samples connected with relatives, one can imagine the reaction of the nation.

Keeping in view of the above, it is submitted for orders.

M. S. Zuha
31/5/03
(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

DIR (IS-II)

M. S. Zuha
07/4
IS (IS)

This has to be examined in detail orders of 45/07.1m obtained. We have also to give our opinion as to whether a Japanese expert along with the Indian DNA expert should be associated with the exercise if the DNA Test is ^{agreed} to be carried out.

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M. S. Zuha
IS (IS)

M. S. Zuha
10/4
DD (IS-2)

Disseminated with
IS (IS) on 12/4/03
He desired that
it may be kept quiet
till the DNA test
finds out
12/4.


Ministry of Home Affairs
IS(V)

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Ref.FR

Under submission is a JMCI's Status Report for the month of March, 2003 wherein in Para 7 the Commission has intimated that the blood samples of Shri Subrata Bose and Shri Dwaraka Nath Bose, who are sons of the elder brothers of Netaji, as also of Shri Sadhan Kar, who is a descendent from the maternal lineage of Netaji, were collected by the Commission on 4.3.2003 and on that very day, an authorised officer of the Commission went to Hyderabad and deposited them with the Centre for D.N.A. Fingerprinting and Diagonistics, Hyderabad along with seven teeth found amongst the belongings allegedly of 'Gumnami Baba' of Faizabad, for D.N.A. test.

Submitted for information please.


(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

DIR(IS-II)

on leave

JS(IS)

Dir (IS II) has joined duty, a/c leave.
Muzumdar bhai pl. 21/4

Dir (IS II)
20/4/03 (Shri Zuhra)

JS(S)

**Ministry of Home Affairs
IS -V (NCB)**

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In this file we are dealing with the matter relating to DNA test of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji lying in the Renkoji temple, Japan.

As we are aware that Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has been constituted to enquire into all the facts and circumstances relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and the subsequent developments connected therewith including:-

- a) whether Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- b) if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- c) whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji;
- d) whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and if so, when and now;
- e) if he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts;

During the visit of Japan in the month of September,02 the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission Sh. Mukherjee could not visually examine the ashes kept in Renkoji temple as the container thereof could not be open by the authorities of Renkoji temple in the absence of a mechanic and asked the Ambassador of India in Japan to get the ashes examined by competent authority of the Embassy to ascertain whether there is any bone or fragments of bones in them justifying examination of the ashes by DNA test.

The report of Nov.12/18,02 from the Indian Embassy in Japan and the photographs received by the Hon'ble Chairman on 28.11.02 show that the casket alleged to be containing the mortal remains of Netaji's appears to be having bone fragments, parts of skull, some teeth and a portion of the jaw.

Subsequently the Commission requested the Embassy of India in Tokyo to get the contents of the casket examined afresh preferably by or in collaboration with the competent expert since the required report is likely to be the basis for deciding whether or not the G/o India should be approached for bringing those ashes to India for subjecting them to DNA test.

Based on the direction of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry as to whether DNA test could be carried out of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji lying in the Renkoji temple, Embassy of India intimated that Professor Mochizuki Hirai, a DNA expert who is a professor in the Deptt of integrated Bio-Sciences, graduate school of Sciences, University of Tokyo has agreed to assist and do the requisite examination as required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission to ascertain whether the mortal remains of Netaji could be tested for DNA. On the other hand they also approached priest Reverend Mochizuki, the chief priest of Renkoji temple for seeking his assistance in the matter.

The priest Reverend Mochizuki who was deeply disturbed by the way in which officials of the Embassy had ordered him to open the casket containing Netaji's mortal remains without any proper explanation and desired that in view of the religious sensitivities under the Buddhist traditions, **a formal request and a communication from the Indian leadership and also some notification by the G/o India with regard to DNA testing be issued for re-opening of the casket.**

Mrs. Krishna Bose MP and Chairperson, Standing Committee on External Affairs also reminded that the casket containing Netaji mortal remains was opened only twice before by Reverend Mochizuki senior, the current priest-father once for PM Jawaharlal Nehru in the 1950's and the second time for her late husband Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose in 1965 and desired that DNA testing must be done with utmost respect being shown to the remains and it must not be disturbed until prior and proper arrangement have been made by selecting top DNA expert in the world.

MEA have sought our advice as well as considered views of the Govt. on the parameters for identification of a suitable DNA expert **whether there should have both a Japanese and Indian experts working on this project** and the steps to be taken for re-opening of casket.

Subsequently the matter was taken up with DG, BPR&D to confirm whether the DNA testing of the remains alleged to be Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is possible in the absence of suitable parameters and whether such testing (DNA test) can be considered to be a reliable parameters to ascertain that the mortal remains lying in the Renkoji Temple belongs to Netaji. DG, BPR&D has intimated that the DNA experts views in the matter have been obtained which inter-alia states as:

- i) DNA profiling test can be taken up on bone fragments/parts of Skull But it is not possible to do the test on ashes, formed as residue due to incineration at high temperature.
- ii) DNA profiling of the bone fragments/skull needs comparison with the DNA profiling of control samples of biologically connected relatives, if supplied.
- ii) However, chances of success of DNA test can be known only after subjecting the mortal remains for DNA isolation and genotyping.

As the issue relating to DNA test of the alleged mortal remains lying in Renkoji temple involves sensitivity, it is felt that a final decision may be taken in consultation with the higher levels to decide the following issues.

- a) whether DNA test of the remains lying in Renkoji temple is allowed or not.
- b) whether a Japanese experts alongwith the Indian DNA experts should be associated with the examination of the ashes and
- c) to decide further course of action so that MEA is informed accordingly.

Submitted please.


(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

DIR(S)

JS(S)

The present file is regarding the matter relating to DNA test of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji lying in Renkoji Temple, Tokyo, Japan.

Justice Mukherjee Commission was set up by the Government of India in May 1999 to look into the circumstances which led to the disappearance of Netaji. The terms of reference are mentioned on page 13/ ante.

The moot issue to be decided now is the DNA test to be conducted on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji lying in Renkoji Temple, Japan. In this connection, we have also received a communication from Ministry of External Affairs who have enclosed therewith the letters of the Ambassador of India in Tokyo and that of Smt Krishna Bose, M.P. The Ministry has sought our advice on conducting such a test.

In September, 2002, the Commission visited the Temple and on its direction, the officials from our Embassy in Tokyo approached Rev. Mochizuki, the Chief Minister of the temple, for the reexamination of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji to ascertain whether DNA test could be carried out. However, Rev. Mochizuki requested our Counsellor Shri Ramesh Chander for a formal request and a communication from the Indian leadership and also some

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notification by the Government of India with regard to the requested DNA testing.

The reason for this is that in a meeting with Counsellor Ramesh Chander, Rev. Mochizuki (on 20.1.03) expressed some concern with regard to the opening and reopening of the mortal remains of Netaji in view of religious sensitivities under the Buddhist traditions. He therefore, requested for greater formality for handling such matters.

(X) Smt. Krishna Bose, M.P., in her letter enclosed, has also expressed such sentiments. She further says, that though she has no objection for carrying out such a DNA test if DNA material is still available in Netaji's mortal remains but it must be done with the utmost respect being shown to the remains and polite gratitude expressed to the Japanese who have cared for the remains for fifty eight years. She has cautioned that the mortal remains must not be disturbed until prior and proper arrangements, have been made by selecting top DNA experts in the world. If the mortal remains are to be brought to India, the highest echelons of the Government of India including the President and the Prime Minister will have to be involved.

(X) P-31/c

The matter was taken up with Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR and D) to look into the possibility of conducting DNA test in the absence of suitable parameters.

The views of the Bureau are placed at F/A. They have stated that DNA profiling test can be taken up on bone fragments/parts of skull but not on the ashes and also needs comparison with the DNA profiling of control samples of biologically connected relatives, if supplied.

The matter is extremely sensitive and the sentiments of both of Japanese and of Indians are attached with the issue. Therefore, a decision on the question of conducting DNA test has to be taken, taking into account the views expressed by Smt Krishna Bose and the Rev. Mochizuki, the Chief Minister of Renkoji Temple, Tokyo. Smt. Bose has advised for involving international experts on DNA testing. One Professor Mochizuki Hirai, a DNA expert and who is a professor in the Department of Integrated Bio-Sciences, University of Tokyo, has agreed to assist and do the requisite examination as required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission. Prof. Hirai was located by our Ambassador in Tokyo. Rev. Mochizuki has, on the other hand, requested for some formal communication and a formal notification from the Government of India before casket containing the alleged mortal remains are opened.

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The DNA testing will answer many queries and clear many doubts. As per the Status Report for the month of March, 03, submitted by the Commission to the Government of India, the blood samples of Shri Subrata Bose and Shri Dwaraka Nath Bose, who are sons of the elder brothers of Netaji, as also of Shri Sadhan Kar, who is a descendent from the maternal lineage of Netaji, were collected by the Commission on 4.3.03 and on that very day, an authorized officer of the Commission went to Hyderabad and deposited them with the Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagonistics alongwith seven teeth found amongst the belongings allegedly of 'Gumnami Baba' of Faizabad, for DNA test.

Therefore, the important issues are: whether the DNA testing could be conducted and where. Smt Bose has opined that DNA testing must be done with utmost respect being shown to the remains and it must not be disturbed until prior and proper arrangements have been made by selecting top DNA expert in the world. Smt Bose, however, has no objection is such a test is conducted. Indian experts on DNA could be deputed to Japan to assist Prof. Hirai for conducting such a test. MEA could locate some more experts, if feasible.

The approval of Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister may be solicited on the issue whether test could be conducted in Tokyo or the alleged mortal remains of Netaji could be brought to India for conducting such a test.

Submitted pleased.

(Signature)
(Umesh Kumar Kalra)
Director

Joint Secretary(Security)

It is suggested that the matter may first be discussed in a meeting with DG/BPR&D and officers of MEA. This was briefly discussed with SS (JKA) a few days' back. If agreed to, a convenient date and time for the proposed discussion may kindly be indicated.

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SS (JKA) 11 AM, Tuesday, 20th May 03

is alright with me.

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Pl. issue notice to meeting today. *File*
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A draft notice for meeting
is placed below for appl. M.

U. M. Lamb
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Dir (S)

may like to see before
issue -

U. M. Lamb
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Reference note on pre-page.

A meeting was held in the chamber of SS(JKA) on 20.5.2003 at 3.30PM to discuss the reference received from MEA about the feasibility of conducting DNA test on the mortal remains alleged to be that of Netaji kept in Renkoji temple in Tokyo.

2. Shri L.C. Amarnathan, DG, Bureau of Police Research & Development, Dr. M.S. Rao, Chief Forensic Scientist, Shri S.D. Sinha Additional DG National Archives of India, Shri S.M. R. Baqar, Dy. Director (NAI), Shri A.K. Gupta, Joint Director (IB) and Shri K.S. Gusain, U.S (NGO) MEA, attended the meeting. Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary, MEA had also discussed the matter with S.S(JKA) earlier on the same day.

3. Explaining the background of the case, the representative from MEA informed that during the visit of the Commission to Japan in the month of Septemebr, 2002, the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission Justice Mukherjee, could not visually examine the ashes kept in Renkoji Temple and had desired that an initiative may be taken by the ambassador of India in Japan to get the ashes examined by a competent authority of the embassy to ascertain whether there is any bone or bone fragments in them or not, to justify the examination thereof for DNA test. Based on the direction of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), officers of the Indian Embassy have identified Prof. Mochizuki Hiri, a DNA expert, a professor in the Department of **INTEGRATED BIO SCIENCE**, Graduate School of Sciences University of Tokyo who has agreed to assist and do the requisite examination. They had also approached priest reverend Mochizuki, the priest of the Renkoji Temple for seeking his assistance in the matter. Reverend Mochizuki desired that in view of the religious sensitivity under the Buddhist traditions, a formal request and a communication from the Indian leadership and also some notification by the Government of India with regard to DNA test be issued for the opening of the casket.

4. The MEA representative also informed that Mrs. Krishna Bose MP and Chairperson, Standing Committee on External Affairs, has written to the Indian Ambassador in Japan ^{that} the casket containing Netaji mortal remains was opened only twice before by Reverend Mochizuki senior, the current priest-father once for PM Jawaharlal Nehru in the 1950's and the second time for her late husband Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose in 1965. She has desired that DNA testing must be done with utmost respect being shown to the remains and it must not be disturbed until prior and proper arrangement have been made by selecting top DNA expert in the world. MEA have sought for the advice of MHA keeping in view the various views expressed.

5. The representative of NAI informed that they have no evidence or documentary proof which could confirm that the remains lying in Renkoji temple belong to Netaji. However, whatever documents were available with them, relating to Netaji, have already been furnished to the Commission for scrutiny or examination.

6. It was explained during the meeting that the Indian Emabssy in Japan after examination of the mortal remains intimated the Commission vide their letter dated 18.11.02 which interalia, states as:-

“As per your desire, we went on October 24, 2002 to the Rankoji Temple in Tokyo and opened the casket alleged to be containing the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The time was between 1530 to 1630 hours and the casket was opened in the presence of the Chief Priest of Rankoji Temples, Rev. Koshi Mochizuki and his wife.

Photographs were taken during the process and two sets containing eight photographs each are enclosed. Their description is as follows:

Plate 1: In the foreground is the casket wrapped in cloth, with the handwritten word “NETAJI SHUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE”. Normally the casket is kept inside the shrine which can be seen in the background of the photograph. The shrine is enclosed in a glass cage.

Plate 2: This reveals the contents of the wooden casket. There were pieces of what appeared to be bone fragments, greyish in colour. In addition, a bundle of brown papers containing something, can be seen.

Plate 3: Another view of the contents of the casket. Two of the flat pieces to be parts of the skull.

Plate 4: The brown paper bundle contained what appeared to be teeth and other bone fragments.

Plate 5: Another photo showing the contents of the brown paper bundle.

Plate 6: A photo of the contents of the casket without the brown paper bundle. The contents from below were picked up and placed on top, and the picture shows what appears to be a portion of the jaw, with recesses where teeth might have been.

Plate 7: Other contents of the box – more bone fragments.”

7. Further, as per the status report sent by the Commission to MHA, the Commission has taken the blood samples of Shri Subrata Bose and Shri Dwarka Noth Bose, who are sons of Netaji's brother and Shri Sudhan Kar, who is a descendant from the maternal lineage of Netaji. The samples were collected by the Commission on 4.3.2003 and on that very day, an authorized officer of the Commission went to Hyderabad and deposited them with the Centre for DNA, alongwith seven teeth found amongst the belongings allegedly of Gumnami Baba of Faizabad, for DNA test.

8. D.G. (BPRD), informed that he had already furnished the following advice to MHA:

- i) DNA profiling test can be taken up on bone fragments/parts of skull but it is not possible to do the test on ashes, formed as residue due to incineration at high temperature.
- ii) DNA profiling of the bone fragments/skull needs comparison with the DNA profiling of control samples of biologically connected relatives, if supplied.
- iii) However, chances of success of DNA test can be known only after subjecting the mortal remains for DNA isolation and genotyping.

9. Shri Rao, Chief Forensic Expert, BPRD, further informed that he had contacted Dr. V.K.Kashyap, Director, Central Forensic Laboratory, Kolkata who informed that from Netaji's mother's side, some people like Netaji's mother's sister's daughter were available but this was not sufficient. He, therefore, advised that it was necessary to see and collect the sample as per the norms from the persons as well as from the mortals remains alleged to be that of Netaji. He, however, was of the view that in the first place a joint inspection by Indian and the Japanese experts of the mortals remains was necessary..

10. In the light of the discussion held, it was felt that we may inform MEA to depute an Indian DNA expert to Japan for examination of the remains in association with the identified Japanese expert to determine whether they can be subjected to DNA test as desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. MEA may also observe the necessary formalities for reopening the casket in consultation with Chief Priest Reverend Mochizuki.

Submitted please.

M. S. Zuhra
27/5/03
(M.S. ZUHA)
(DESK OFFICER)

Director(S) may kindly approve
before MEA could be informed on
the lines as in para 10 above

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Para 10 above is submitted for
approval. The proposed DNA expert can be
from BPR & D. May also like to show the
case to MS / Ds PM

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SS (JKA)

The boney remains (teeth) found
among belongings of Gurnami baba of Faizabad have
already been sent to the Centre for DNA Hyderabad

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along with blood samples of known relatives of
Netaji Subhash Bose, and now the ^{alleged} bone
remains of Netaji Subhash Bose preserved in
Renkoji Temple, Tokyo are sought to be
subjected to DNA test to establish or confirm
the identity of these with Netaji Subhash Bose.
Even though the Japanese Govt; the Renkoji
temple authorities and family members of
late Netaji are all cooperative, in view
of the political sensitivity of the matter,
it is for consideration whether these
examinations should be gone into.

Theoretically, DNA test of BPRD, and
Dr Kashyap Div CFSL Calcutta feel
confident about the examination but
they can also confirm whether such test
to bone remains in Tokyo are possible
only after some expert from his lab.
seeing them. But a debate may begin
as soon as permission for this is given.

A higher decision is therefore
solicited. before we write to the MEA.

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The issue on this file is about DNA testing of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's bone remains. The Japanese Government, the Renkoji Temple Authorities, Japan and the family members of late Netaji are all cooperative on this issue. I am of the view that Government may have no objection to this being done as once and for all it will establish the truth in the matter. For long we have a subsisting controversy/enquiry and it is time that it is finally tackled. Dy. PM may kindly see before we inform MEA as per para 10 of page 22/N.



N. Gopalaswami
(N. Gopalaswami)
Home Secretary
5 June 2003

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FR is from the Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on the issue of feasibility of the proposed DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan, for establishing real identity of the deceased. The papers were received in the Ministry on 17.4.03 but were delivered in NCB section only on 27th May, 2003, i.e., after more one and half month. Obviously, precious time has been lost. The Commission should therefore, be advised to address all correspondence to the office of JS(S) to save on time.

2. Alongwith the FR, he (The Secretary of the Commission) has enclosed the correspondence on the subject to show the endeavours made by the Commission in this regard since the receipt of the report of the joint inspection of the contents of the casket containing the alleged mortal remains and the photographs of the contents of the casket from the Embassy of India in Japan.

3. After writing to different authorities the world over, the Commission feels that there is no tangible result achieved and the time was running out. The only positive reply in the matter has been received from Mr. Terry Milton but he has imposed pre condition of 'anthropological' evaluation of the remains including photography and has stated that he would like to receive the anthropologist's report prior to proceeding. The commission has made specifically two requests:

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- (i) all necessary help and assistance from the Government of India to the Commission in the matter of the proposed DNA test on the alleged mortal remains in the Renkoji Temple.
 - (ii) Necessary action on the part of the Government of India as early as possible to enable the Commission to get necessary anthropological evaluation and other necessary tests done for taking the next step for DNA test on the alleged mortal remains.

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4. On the first request first: It may kindly be recalled that a meeting was held in the Chamber of Special Secretary(JKA) on 20.5.2003 to discuss this issue. It was attended by officials from Bureau of Police Research and Development(BPR&D) and Ministry of External Affairs as well. It was decided with the approval of Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister to depute an Indian DNA expert to Japan for examination of the remains in association with the identified Japanese expert to determine whether they can be subjected to DNA test as desired by the Commission(page 24/ante). The views of the

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Ministry of Home Affairs thereafter were conveyed to the Ministry of External Affairs (page 54/C).

However, Ministry of External Affairs has now responded that the role of their Ministry was that of a facilitator to make arrangements for the Commission to conduct enquiries abroad or search for documents there. The decision is to whether the alleged remains of Netaji was to be subjected to DNA analysis, the manner the expert and the entire process involved was a policy decision which was not within their purview. Therefore, the experts were to be selected by MHA and thereafter, MEA would act as a facilitator.

5. Now on the second request regarding the anthropological evaluation, the commission has been writing to different bodies regarding the feasibility of conducting DNA test the world over but with no tangible result. In this regard the minutes of the meeting referred to in para 4 above may kindly be recalled (pages 19-22/ante). The Indian Embassy in Japan has already identified one Professor who is also a DNA expert who has fortunately agreed to assist and do the requisite examination.

6. It is therefore, suggested that before we go for the 'anthropological evaluation' as recommended by Mr. Milton of Mitotyping Technologies in USA on the suggestions sought by the Commission, we must depute the Indian experts on DNA to Japan to carry out joint inspection as was decided in the meeting referred to above and approved by the Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister, with the aim of finding out the feasibility of conducting such a test. BPR&D in the meeting suggested the name of Dr. V.K. Kashyap (Para 5 above)

7. The undersigned discussed this issue with Dr. Rao, Chief Forensic Expert, BPR&D, on phone about the correspondence made by the Commission and the views given by Mr. Milton on anthropological evaluation. He was of the view that Indian experts were quite capable and referred to the joint inspection again. Anyhow, he requested for making available to him the copies of the correspondence made by the Commission for their views in the matter.

8. May kindly approve the course of action as per para 6 and 'X' in para 7 above.

(Umesh Kalra)
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Disccy. BPR&D's views may be obtained urgently on 'X' as well as on the expert who could be deputed.

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Preceding note at P 25-26/ante may kindly be seen.

In this file we are dealing with the matter relating to DNA test of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji lying in the Renkoji temple, Japan.

In this connection it may be mentioned that the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry is very much in touch with the various DNA experts in the country and abroad, it will be desirable if the MEA is informed vide their letter at (F/B) that in the matter of selection of appropriate or suitable DNA experts to be deputed to Japan, they may like to consult Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry as the Commission is the only competent authority to take decision in this regard.

Accordingly a draft reply to MEA is placed below.


(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

DIRECTOR(S) on tour.

JS(S) The background of the case is explained in detail in the note at p.19-22^N. Based on the decision at p.24^N, a letter was sent to MEA (vide p.54^c).

2. MEA have now suggested ~~that~~ (p.55^c) that MHA should select the expert for DNA test and MEA would facilitate the visit of the expert to Japan as well as liaison with the local Govt, Renkoji Temple etc.

3. As explained in para 3 at p.19^N the whole matter has arisen from a direction

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given by the Justice Mukherjee Commission to the Indian Embassy, Tokyo. The selection of DNA expert and decision to depose them is also to be taken by the Commission. It will, therefore, be appropriate, if we request the MEA to send a suitable reply to the Commission and based on the Commission's decision on this issue, further action may be taken.

4. Based on the above, a draft reply has been prepared (DFA), which may kindly be seen before issue.

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In this connection our preceding note at P 25-27 will explain the factual position.

So far as the averments of the Commission that Shri Kalra purposed a meeting of representative of the Commission with the competent officer of this Ministry, MEA and other concerned Ministries/Departments in Delhi to find out ways and means for necessary scientific test for ascertaining the feasibility of DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji, it may be clarified that no such proposal was made by Shri Kalra. In fact Sh.Kalra advised Secretary JMCI that the Commission itself is competent to take independent views in the matter in consultation with the DNA experts in the country and abroad with whom they are on constant touch and it would not be desirable to involve this Ministry in such a sensitive issue. Sh.Kalra also assured that all types of assistance as and when the Commission need and may like to discuss this issue with this Ministry informally but in no case this Ministry should be involved in any manner and ways or means has to be choosen by the Commission itself.

In view of the above, if approved to, we may inform JMCI as per DFA.


(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

DIR(S)

This is with reference to the FR received from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, wherein it has been stated that the Government of India in MHA is not responding the request made by JMCI on conducting the anthropological evaluation and other necessary scientific tests on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan.

2. In brief, JMCI desired that an affidavit, duly signed by the officer not less than Joint Secretary to Government of India, be filed with the Commission in person. Therefore, the undersigned and Shri M.S. Zuha, Desk Officer went to Kolkata to file such an affidavit. After a brief meeting with Justice Mukherjee, there was an informal chatting with Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary to the Commission. During this informal meeting, Shri Sengupta mentioned about the letter written by them to MHA to help them in locating an expert for conducting anthropological evaluation for conducting DNA test.

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3. Shri Sengupta was told informally that Dr. M.S. Rao in BPR&D has been requested to help the Commission for the purpose and Shri Rao had suggested the name of Prof. Kashyap in Kolkata. Shri Sengupta, who was already in touch with Dr. Kashyap, was of the view that in the coming few days he would like to proceed to Delhi for a meeting to be conducted in JS(S)'s chamber, wherein he himself and Dr. Rao of BPR&D could be present. The undersigned then advised him that the Commission should not involve MHA in these kind of things because MHA had no expertise in this regard. He was further told that the Commission had independent powers to locate an expert for getting the test conducted on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji kept in Japan and therefore Shri Sengupta could meet Dr. Rao in BPR&D itself.

4. In this connection, a letter has also been written by MHA (Flag 'X') to Ministry of External Affairs with a copy endorsed to JMCI that selection of an expert for DNA is to be done by the Commission only.

5. The issue was also discussed with Shri Sengupta on telephone few days ago by the undersigned that Commission had independent powers and MHA was not at all concerned with the subject matter, hence no meeting was to be fixed for such purpose as requested by him. Shri Sengupta was also advised to contact BPR&D in case desired by him.

6. Today the undersigned again discussed the matter on telephone with Mr. Rao of BPR&D and he was of the view that Shri Sengupta could come to Delhi and meet him for discussing these issues and also how the Commission could be helped in this regard.

7. Therefore, it may be stated that it was mere exchange of views between the undersigned and Shri Sengupta who has tried to give a formal touch to this meeting which is not correct, *on his part.*

8. Further, it may be clarified that Shri Sengupta wanted to come to Delhi on 16th July, 2003 to meet informally JS(S) and Mr. Rao but the meeting could not be organized due to paucity of time and ensuing Parliament Session, which started from 21st July, 2003. It is, therefore, not correct on the part of the Commission to say that they are not able to proceed ahead for want of reply from MHA.

9. In view of this, the Commission should be advised not to involve MHA for the work which is entirely within the purview of the Commission. Shri Sengupta, could however, be advised to contact Dr. Rao of BPR&D directly, in case required by him, for going in for the type of tests suggested by the Commission. The above facts may kindly be brought to the notice of Home Secretary also.

10. Submitted please.

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FR dated 23.7.03 is from JMCI wherein it has been expressly desired by the Commission a response from MHA, to the question of feasibility of the DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji, kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan. It has been stated that the further course of action of the Commission largely depends upon solution to this question. The Commission has also invited reference to the visit of the undersigned along with Shri Zuha, Desk Officer to Kolkata and the discussion held thereafter with Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary to Commission. Our attention has also been drawn to their earlier letter dated 10.4.03, whereby the Commission had requested MHA to extend to it all necessary help and assistance in the matter of the proposed DNA Test.

2. The above referred letter dated 10.4.03, though received in MHA on 17.4.03 was delivered in DO (NCB), the concerned section only on 27.6.03 i.e., after more than two months. Before, the contents of this letter dated 10.4.03 are examined as to the requirement of JMCI, the entire issue need be summarized.

3. The Commission desires to go in for DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji, kept at Renkoji Temple in Japan. With a view to see the feasibility of such a test, the Commission entered into correspondence with number of institutions on DNA spread across the world (pps 63-85/Cor.). After the prolonged correspondence with the above referred bodies, a positive reply was received by the Commission from Shri Terry Milton, Mitotyping Technologies, USA, who advised the Commission to go in for anthropological evaluation of the remains, prior to DNA analysis (p.80/Cor.). JMCI has, now written to MHA (vide letter dated 10.4.03 referred to in above) to take action at the earliest for necessary anthropological evaluation and other tests before DNA testing. Letter dated 23.7.03 (p.87/Cor) is reminder to that only.

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4. On careful examination of the letter dated 10.4.03, it is seen that the Commission has requested MHA for the following:-

i) to extend all necessary help and assistance in the matter of the proposed DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji, kept in Renkoji Temple

ii) to take necessary action, as early as possible to enable the Commission to get necessary anthropological evaluation and other necessary tests done for taking the next step for DNA Tests

The above issues are, otherwise inter-related.

5. In this connection, it is submitted that the Government of India in MHA has been extending all possible and necessary help, whenever required by the Commission. In this direction, a meeting was held in the chamber of the then SS(JKA) on 20.5.03 about the feasibility of conducting DNA test on the mortal remains of Netaji. In this meeting the representatives of ASI, BPR&D, MEA were also present. It was also informed by MEA that on the directions of JMCI, the officers of Indian Embassy in Japan, had identified one DNA expert who agreed to assist and do requisite examination on the mortal remains. (We also received a correspondence in this regard placed at pages 28-29 whereby the MEA requested for our advice for the formal communication from the Indian leadership and also for the Joint examination by the Indian and Japanese DNA experts, of the mortal remains). The decision on joint examination, of the above meeting, was later, conveyed to MEA on 16.7.03 (p.54/Cor.)

6. Since on the directions of the Commission only, the Embassy of India in Japan, located a Japanese DNA expert, MHA, advised MEA to send an appropriate reply to the Commission and Indian Embassy in Tokyo regarding the selection of DNA experts. The copy of this letter was also endorsed to JMCI.

7. Regarding the request by the Commission to MHA, for the necessary action on its part to enable the Commission to set the necessary scientific test done on the mortal remains, it is not clear as to what action is required on our part. If it is referring

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to the selection of experts, then it is solely within the purview of the Commission. MHA can only provide the logistic support and may also, if need be, request MEA to facilitate the visit of Indian DNA expert to Japan once the selection is made by the Commission.


8. The discussions at Kolkata to which the Commission is referring to in its letter dated 23.7.03 (FR) was only informal and simply a suggestion as to that the Secretary, JMCI could visit Delhi and meet Dr. Rao of BPR&D, if required, to find out the ways and means for conducting such tests and locating Indian DNA experts. It was never the intention of our discussion to formalize such a meeting in Delhi as conveyed by the Secretary, JMCI. If the Commission comes across any problem regarding the logistic support, then MHA could certainly help the Commission.

9. Therefore, in nutshell, it can be stated that the selection of Indian DNA experts was entirely within the purview of the Commission (as conveyed to MEA by endorsing a copy to JMCI also at Flag 'x') and MHA would extend all necessary help and assistance in providing logistic support, if required, in facilitating the visit of such an expert to Japan, for the joint inspection of the mortal remains, alleged to be that of Netaji, kept at Renkoji Temple, in Tokyo.

10. The above views, if approved, could be conveyed to JMCI.

11. Submitted Please.

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(U.K. Kaha)
Director (Security) 8/8

The preceding note may kindly be seen.

2. The letter dated 23.7.2003 (P.87/c) of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) created an impression that decision on feasibility of holding DNA test

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on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose is being delayed by MHA. This is not correct. The letters of MEA on this matter (P 27/c and 55/c) have already been replied vide our letters dated 16.6.2003 (P 54/c) and 16.7.2003 (P 86/c). The factual position, it seems, is that the JMCI has held consultations with various institutions/experts but is unable to reach definite conclusion as to how it should go about the process of holding the proposed DNA test. In any case, it is for the JMCI to take a view and proceed further in the matter.

3. Since the JMCI has indicated (P 87/c) that it is awaiting a reply from MHA, it is suggested that we may inform Secretary/JMCI as follows: -

- (i) The JMCI had asked the Indian embassy in Japan to locate experts to ascertain the feasibility of DNA test on the mortal remains kept in Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. The MEA had asked for the advice of MHA in the matter, which has been furnished vide our letters (P 54/c and P 86/c).
- (ii) Decision regarding holding of anthropological evaluation for determining the feasibility of DNA test and selection of experts for the purpose fall within the preview of the JMCI and appropriate decisions have to be taken by it. A formal meeting in MHA with MEA and other Ministries/Departments to decide such matters is not considered necessary.
- (iii) Once the decision is taken by JMCI, MEA may be informed. MEA has indicated that it will facilitate the visit of experts to Japan in so far as liaison with the local government, Renkoji Temple authorities etc. are concerned.
- (iv) If any logistic support from MHA is needed by JMCI, specific proposals for such support may be sent.

4. May kindly see for approval.

(RAKESH)

Joint Secretary (Security)

6th August 2003.

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I propose to reply demi-officially, to Secy of the Commission after the
ME. approves the above mentioned suggestion.

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J.S(S) - has seen and appr. the.

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In the matter of re-examination of the DNA test of the mortal remains of Netaji lying in the Renkoji Temple, MEA has pointed out that the subject matter of JMCI primarily concerns the MHA and the role of MEA is that of a facilitator to make the arrangements for the commission to conduct inquiry abroad or to search documents abroad.


Accordingly MEA has sought the Ministry's clear decision and instruction on the following points:

- a whether the alleged remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose kept at Renkoji Temple in Tokyo is to be subjected to DNA analysis, if so;
- b the manner in which it is to be done and;
- c other issues which involve policy decisions.

So far as points (a)&(b) are concerned the final decision has to be taken by the JMCI, as the subject matter does not come under the purview of this Ministry. So far as point (c) is concerned, it may be clarified that so long the commission is alive it is not expected that any political decision would be taken in such a sensitive issue as to whether DNA test is to be done or not and the manner by which it is done. The JMCI being the constitutory body and is competent to take final decision in the matter.

Since JMCI has already been advised on the above points with copy to MEA vide P103/c, We may await the response of the JMCI before a reply is sent to MEA.

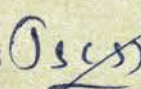
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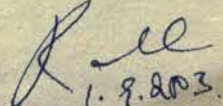
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Part 'c' above is related to parts (a) and (b). Till 'a' and 'b' are decided by the JMCI 'c' cannot be finalised. We have already written to JMCI vide our letter dt. 13.8.03 (Pages 104-5). The response thereof is still awaited. May kindly see for info, pl.


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We may send a suitable reply to MEA w.r.t. p 105^c (FR).



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The MEA has intimated that a letter from JMCI dated 5/9/03 drawing attention to a newsletter published on 28/10/95 in the 'Statesman' indicating that the Government had decided to conduct DNA tests on the alleged ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan has sought to know the subsequent developments that transpired after the Govt's reported 1995 decision to opt for DNA testing of the alleged ashes of Netaji.

The MEA has further intimated that no information is available with them on this issue and desired that an appropriate response be sent to the JMCI by this Ministry.

Perusal of the JMCI letter dated 5/9/03 (P 115/cor.) and news in the Statesman reveals that as early as in 1995 the Govt. of India M/o External Affairs was supposed to form a Committee consisting of DNA experts from the USA and the U.K and members from CBI and DNA Testing Laboratory for ascertaining DNA Test of the alleged ashes. Hence the MEA's claim that they have no information about the above Committee referred by the media is a matter of non availability of records.

However, we have made various efforts to locate whether anything is available with us. After going through various old records, we have come across of some correspondence relating to DNA Test appears to have been undergone between PMO and this Ministry during 1996 from our classified file No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III) on which we had sought privilege under evidence Act vide this Ministry's affidavit dated 27/4/2001.

As per the existing practice, all classified documents/files are kept in 'T Branch', we may request incharge 'T Branch' to place the above referred file or indicate its whereabouts.

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Submitted to Sh. P.K. Sengupta, Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry
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Discussed with Shri Singhania,
Secretary, DMCE today in frame
about the file at 'X' in pre-page.
It is a classified file which was
taken to DMCE by US D (13)
from ~~the~~ Branch on 21.5.2001. I
have requested Shri Singhania to
recheck the file so that the
issues raised by DMCE in the
could be suitably responded to.
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Note on pre-page may kindly be seen

In the matter of DNA testing the Commission addressed a letter dated 5/9/03 to MEA referring the news item captioned "Government to authenticate on Netaji's ashes by DNA test" published in the Delhi edition of 'The Statesman' dated 28/10/95 (P 115-117/C) and requested to know the outcome of the reported decision of the Government of India to opt for DNA test of the alleged ashes of Netaji by forming a Committee consisting of DNA experts viz Dr. Michalle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the UK , CBI officials and CDFD Hyderabad etc. The Commission also requested the MEA to make available the services of the CDFD Hyderabad and a competent member of the CBI & DNA experts refer to above so that the Commission may get the DNA test completed with their help and assistance.

2. The MEA instead of sending reply to the Commission reverted back to this Ministry indicating that no information is available with them in the matter and desired that an appropriate response be sent to the JMCI by this Ministry.

3. In this regard we have made various efforts to ascertain whether any such Committee consisting of the members & experts referred to above was ever constituted for DNA tests but the undersigned could not find any of such records on this issue. However we have come across that some correspondence relating to DNA test have been done between PMO & this Ministry during 1996 from our classified File No.I/12014/27/93-IS(D.III) on which we have sought privilege under Evidence Act vide this Ministry's affidavit dated 27/4/01.

4. Now we have received File No. I/12014/27/93-IS-D.III from JMCI on 22.12.03. Perusal of this file reveals that a proposal received from Shri Ashish Ray a relative of Netaji and Smt. Chitra Ghosh, niece of Netaji for subjecting the ashes of Netaji lying in Renkoji Temple to Mito Chondrical DNA analysis in order to resolve the controversy relating to these ashes. While examining these request, a letter written to PM by Shri Joyanta Roy, MP, Lok Sabha was also taken into account in the matter and a view was taken with the approval of the Home Minister that ashes of Netaji lying in Renkoji Temple should not be subjected to any DNA Test as it is likely to generate unnecessary controversy. As such we may inform the MEA that as per our record, it appears that no Committee was set up by the Govt. to undertake the process of D.N.A testing of the ashes by this Secretariat as indicated in the caption (press clipping) of the Statesman.

5. In view of the above it may be mentioned that no Committee consisting of DNA experts CBI and CDFD officials were ever constituted

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by this Ministry as reported in the said news item. As such this Ministry is in no position to confirm JMCI about the decision of the Govt. regarding DNA test and making available the services of the DNA experts viz Dr. Michalle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the UK. In this circumstances we have no alternative but to request the MEA to apprise the Commission about the non existence of the Committee as reported in the said news item.

6. FR -II under submission is an advisory letter from Shri Yashwant Sinha, Minister of External Affairs addressed to Dy.P.M regarding DNA tests of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji lying in the Renkoji Temple, Japan.


7. The Hon'ble Foreign Minister is of the view that carrying out DNA tests of the alleged ashes being a politically sensitive and volatile issue attracting considerable media attention it would be important for the Govt. to firm up its own thinking on the following issues surrounding this matter when JMCI approaches the Govt. in this regard.

- (a) whether DNA testing of the remains should be conducted, if so
- (b) whether it should be done by India and/or Japanese experts or by a panel of international experts who fulfil the requirements of being the top DNA experts in the world (as desired by Smt. Krishna Bose, MP).
- (c) whether the tests should be conducted in Japan or India or elsewhere.
- (d) whether the Netaji's family member should be associated during the opening of casket and or DNA testing
- (e) It has to be ensured that no religious or emotional sentiments are upset in the process of taking out of the ashes for DNA test. Thus appropriate Buddhist religious relics and Hindu tradition in this regard would need to be understood before the ashes are taken out for DNA testing.

8. With regard to (a)(b) &(c) it may be mentioned that specifically under the term of reference of the Commission JMCI is competent to take decision whether DNA test should be carried out or not. If yes, the commission has to take final decision as to whether DNA test should be done in Japan or in India. Further, appointment of experts for the purpose of DNA testing has be to done by the JMCI irrespective of the facts whether the experts belongs to a panel of international experts or elsewhere.

9. In regard to (d) and (e), this issue would be settled in consultation with the Commission as soon as the decision in regard to location as well as selection of suitable DNA expert are taken by the Commission. MHA would extend all necessary help and assistance in providing logistic support if required in facilitating the visit of such an expert to Japan for the inspection of the mortal remains.

10. In view of the above, if approved to we may advise the Commission to firm up its own decision on the above issues as per DFA.


(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

DIRECTOR(S)

The notes on pre-pages may kindly be perused.

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IMCI, while enclosing the press clippings, dt: 28.10.95 from 'The Statesman', wrote to MHA on the issues appearing therein.

In the clipping, it has been mentioned that the govt. of India had decided way back in 1995 to conduct DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji, kept at Kenkoji Temple, Japan. Towards that end, MHA decided to form a committee consisting of DNA experts from USA, UK, members from CBI and DNA Testing Laboratory.

IMCI has desired to know as to what actually happened to the reported decision of the govt. of India.

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MHA, while forwarding these copies to MHA, has stated that it had no information on the reported decision, and has requested MHA to send an appropriate reply to the Commission.

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Even MHA do not have any such record on the matter reported in the newspaper.

However, the 'Top Secret' File No. I/12014/27/93-15-D.111 which was sent to TMC for perusal, and for the contents of which privilege was sought, has been received back. The perusal of the contents of the file do not suggest the formation of such committee by the govt. of India, though some correspondence did take place regarding DNA test and bringing back the ashes of Netaji from Benkeji Temple.

X It seems appropriate, if the MHA writes back to TMC about the news item on the formation of committee and clarify the matter.

MHA has also enclosed a copy of the letter from Hon'ble External Affairs minister written to Hon'ble Dy. P.M. (X) which we had already received earlier and already acknowledged by Hon'ble DPMC. The letter is an advisory in nature on the precautions to be taken while deciding on the DNA test.

'X' above for approval of.

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2. This is with reference to the d.o letter which has been received from Director (CNV), MEA regarding the issue of DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhash Chander Bose kept in the Renkoji in Japan. The letter received from Justice Mukherjee Commission, drawing attention to a news item published on 28.10.95 in the "Statesman" also be enclosed. The news item so published indicated that the Government had decided to conduct DNA test on the alleged ashes of Netaji kept in the above mentioned temple. The Commission has drawn attention to reference contained in the news item about the "composition of the Committee consisting of DNA experts, CBI officials etc." and about the opinion of two DNA experts namely Dr. Michalle Holland from the USA, Dr. Kevin Salevan from the UK. The Commission has therefore, sought to know the subsequent developments that transpired after the Government's reported 1995 decision to opt for DNA deciding of the alleged ashes of Netaji.

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3. MEA has informed as per the above d.o that they do not appear to have information on this i.e. about the constitution of the Committee and have desired MHA to send an appropriate reply to JMCI.

4. As per the news item, the Union Government had decided to go for DNA testing of Netaji ashes kept in Toyko before taking decision to bring it back to India with full honours during the Netaji's centenary celebrations being organized next year i.e. 1996. It is mentioned further that according to sources in MEA to ascertain whether the ashes kept in Toyko were those of Netaji, the committee would be formed comprising members from CBI, DNA deciding Laboratories of Hyderabad, the Government of Japan and DNA Experts from the USA and UK. Members of Netaji's family would also be included in the Committee to avoid any further controversy on the subject. The renowned DNA experts, Dr. Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of UK had already been consulted and both of them had said that it

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would be possible to verify the authenticity of the ashes from the tooth.

5. In this regard, the undersigned has made vigorous efforts to confirm about the above Committee as per the news item but could not find any such record available with us. However, there is indeed some correspondence carried out concerning DNA test between the Prime Minister's Office and MHA during the 1995-96 in our classified file No.I/12014/27/93-IS-D-III, on which we had sought privilege under the Evidence Act vide this Ministry's affidavit dated 27.4.2001. This file which was submitted to JMCI, was asked for and scrutinized. As per the contents, one Prof. Chitra Ghosh of International Federation of University, had addressed a communication to the Hon'ble PM regarding test of urn and its contents as part of ashes of Netaji. This reference was received from PMO.

6. Another reference was received from Shri I.K. Gujral, the then Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) in November, 1995 enclosing therewith a copy of a letter from Dr. K. Sullivan addressed to Mr. Ashish Ray of Cable News International Corporation, New Delhi, indicating that the contents of the letter might be helpful to sort out the controversy surrounding Netaji's death. Dr. Sullivan was from the Forensic Science Service, Birmingham, U.K. This reference was also received from PMO.

7. The thrust of both the letters appeared to be on the analysis of the basis of which the controversy relating to the ashes at Renkoji Temple could be sorted out. In the meantime, a communication from Shri N.K. Sinha, Joint Secretary to the Prime Minister, seeking comments of the MHA on the proposal for subjecting the remains of the urn to mitochondrial DNA analysis, was also received. A copy of the letter written to PM by Shri Joyanta Roy, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) was also received.

8. The issue was examined at length and it was felt that the matter was highly emotional one. In these circumstances, it might not be appropriate at that juncture to

undertake DNA analysis that might give rise to another controversy. It was proposed placing the proposal before the National Committee which was set up for the observations of Netaji's Centenary Celebrations for taking a view in the matter.

9. The then Hon'ble HM took the view that he did not think it proper to refer the issue to the National Committee. It was equally important that subjecting the mortal remains to DNA test would become a matter of great controversy which could be avoided.

10. Therefore, as mentioned in the news item, no committee was constituted to take a view on DNA test though the views of the DNA Expert, Dr. K. Sullivan were forwarded to MHA.

11. Since the Commission has addressed to the MEA regarding the matter of constitution of a Committee, as per the news item published in the "Statesman", it will be appropriate if the reply to JMCI is given by them only. If approved, we can convey our position to MEA.

12. Submitted please.

Umesh Kalra
(UMESH KALRA) 06/11
Director (Security)
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As indicated in the preceding note, information on the points contained in the news item dt 28.10.1995 (P117, F/'X') is not available in the ~~relevant~~ MHA files of the relevant period. The various statements in the news item are attributed to sources in MEA.

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MEA (w.r.t. their letter at p108^c (FR-I)) that no committee of the type mentioned in the news item was constituted by MHA and the MHA at that time had opposed the holding of the proposed DNA test. Since the news item contains references to sources in MEA and the Mukherjee Commission has sought for the response of MEA in the matter (p115-116^c), it would be appropriate if a suitable reply is sent by the MEA.

3. Submitted for approval.

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A fair draft reply to MEA is placed below for sign. pl.

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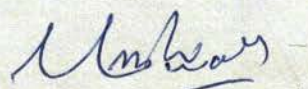
The petitioner Sh.Shakti Singh, President, Subhas Chandra Bose, Rashtriya Vichar Manch, Faizabad, has raised following 2 issues for consideration of the Govt.

- i) DNA test of the teeth of Gumnami Baba of Faizabad has given different result and desired that it would be appropriate if the DNA test of the teeth is done by the selecting top DNA experts in the world.
- ii) As the Commission has sought extension from time to time and consumed more than 4 years, even though it is not definite as to by what time they would submit their report. Hence the Commission may be advised to submit the report by the end of 2004 positively.

As JMCI being the competent authority to take views on the above two issues, if agreed to we may forward the copy of FR to them as per DFA.


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Preceding note may kindly be seen


FR under submission is a reminder from Sh. Shakti Singh, President, Subhash Chandra Bose, Rashtriya Vichar Manch, Faizabad and desired to know the response of this Ministry.

As the earlier communication received from this Manch was referred to JMCI for appropriate action, if agreed to we may send the copy of FR to them with request that a suitable reply is sent to the petitioner as they deem fit.

A DFA is placed below.


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Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Sr. Govt. Counsel appointed to represent in JMCI on behalf of Govt. of India has intimated vide his letter dt.26.12.04 which was received in this Ministry on 11/1/05 that Dr. Kashyap, Director, Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata and Shri Amar Singh, Govt. Examiner of Questioned Documents, BPR&D, Simla may be advised to attend the JMCI's proceedings proposed to be held on 7.11.05.

Since the date of proceedings has been expired, no further action seem to be taken at this stage. However, if agreed to we may issue an advisory letter to BPR&D as per DFA.

(Signature)
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Boln, Dr. Kashyap, Director, Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata and Shri Amar Singh, Govt. Examiner at Simla, did not attend the proceedings of JMCI on 7.11.05 for which summons were issued to them.

The request from our advocate, Shri T. Pal for conveying the necessary instructions in this regard, was received here much later, i.e., only on 11.1.05. However, he has requested us to ensure their presence before the commission whenever proceedings take place (ft) w/c may, if appl, (i) request both the deponents to provide necessary cooperation and also write to our Advocate that letter from him was received

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Ministry of External Affairs addressed a d.o to JMCI and copy endorsed to us regarding DNA testing of the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan and has intimated that JMCI has already been informed that Reverend Mochizuki, the Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo had conveyed to our Ambassador in Tokyo that even though he had reservations from the spiritual angle, **he had no objection to a DNA test being conducted on the mortal remains in his custody.**

The Mission made a formal proposal to Reverend Mochizuki to allow a competent person from the Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology, Hyderabad to be deputed by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to select the pieces from the mortal remains.

At present no action is called for on our part. Submitted for information please.


(M.S. ZUHA) 9/5/05
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No. JMCI/ 25/2000/413.

Kolkata, dated, 14th November '02.

From : Shri M. Roy, I.A.S.(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty



To : The Secretary
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Govt. of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

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Sir,

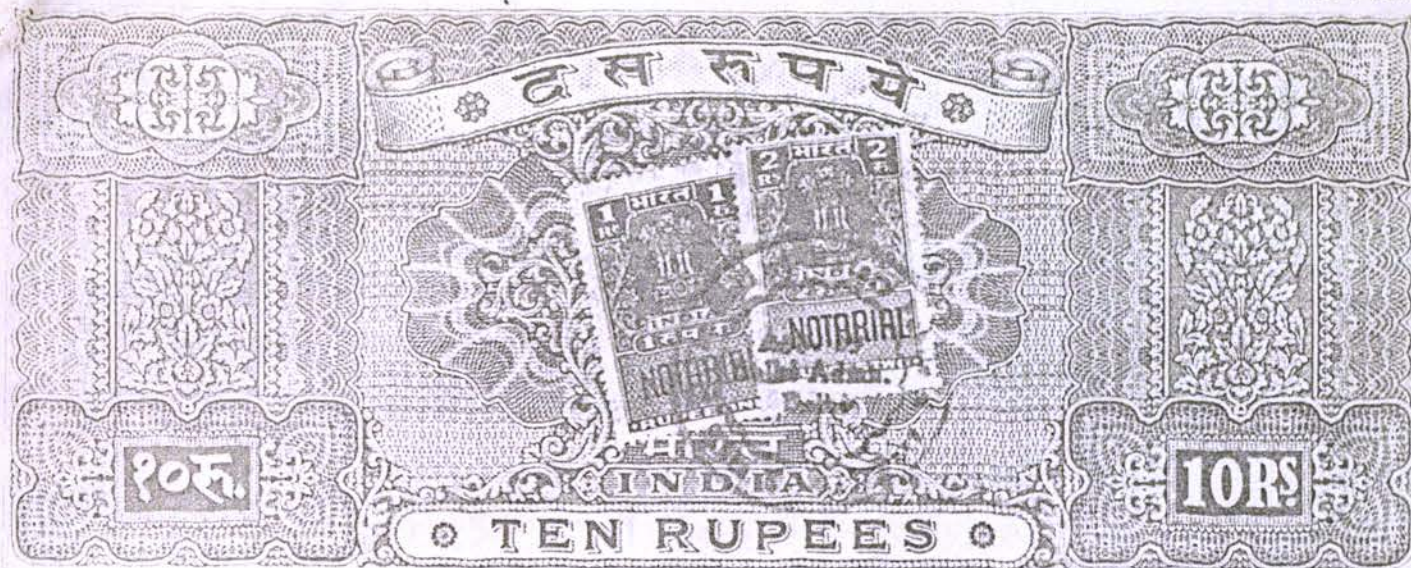
I am directed to send herewith a Xerox copy of the affidavit filed by Dr. Tilak Raj Sareen and to invite your kind attention to the para 4 (last para) thereof with the request to make available to the Commission authenticated Xerox copies of the reports, referred to in the said para, if those are in the possession or under the control of the Government of India.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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I, Dr. Tilak Raj Sareen son of Late Ram Nath Sareen, residing at B-402, Kaveri Apartments, Alaknanda, New Delhi-110 019, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under: -

1- I wish to bring to the notice of Justice Mukherjee Enquiry Commission in Calcutta the following crucial Points mentioned in a book entitled, 'OSS: The Secret History of America's first Central Intelligence Agency' written by R. Harris Smith and published by the University of California Press, Berkeley, Los Angeles in 1972.

" To supplement the political intelligence he received from Ho, Roberts recruited a Vietnamese, Le Xuan as his Personal Agent. Xuan's first bit of interesting information was that Shandra (sic) Bose, an Indian Nationalist leader, whose hatred of the British had led him to espouse the cause of the Axis (and fight along-side the Japanese) was hiding in Hanoi. Not until later did Roberts learnt that this rumour

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was false and that Bose had died in a Japanese Hospital after his plane crashed en route from Hanoi to Tokyo. But at first Roberts failed to pass it along to the Local British Intelligence officers, who were eager to capture the Indian renegade. The OSS Man's reasoning was simple. He knew that the betrayal of any Asian nationalist, even one with pro-Japanese sentiments, would have angered Ho Chi Minh and Roberts was resolved to maintain the best possible relations with HO' (Page 351)

2. I presume that there was no question of Bose 'hiding' on or before 17 August 1945, when his movements were known to the Japanese as well as his Indian Colleagues, as has been mentioned by S.A. Aiyer in his book, 'Unto Him a Witness'. Therefore, one may presume that if the news of his " Hiding " in Hanoi was correct, it must have been after 18 August 1945 when he was reported to have died at Taipei in an aircrash. Later, when he heard the news that Bose had died on 18th August 1945, Roberts concluded that this rumour was false. However, when he received the information he took it sufficiently seriously to ponder whether he should pass on the information to the British Intelligence officers or not, but decided against it for his own reasons. The Commission may ask the U.S. Government to give access to the OSS documents on this



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issue and also especially the report prepared by an American intelligence officer, under General Douglas Macarthur, on the death of Netaji.

3. Calcutta's leading English newspaper, 'The Telegraph' published a report from its correspondent in Saigon, Prabha Jagannathan, on 26 September 1994, in which she mentioned that 'there is accessible material here on Netaji's stay at Saigon in 1945, when large Parts of Indo - China was under Japanese domination. However, the Indian Government is reluctant to pursue this lead, which is likely to help unearth some extremely interesting material on Netaji's disappearance'. She added: "The Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has access to certain pictorial and documentary material of Netaji's last flight during which he made a sojourn in Saigon city on his way to Taipei (Formosa) and Tokyo before his final disappearance".

I feel that the Commission should request the Government of Vietnam to place all the material pertaining to Netaji at the Commission's disposal.

4. Nearly fifty five years after the reported aircrash at Taipei, the records of the Intelligence Bureau of the

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Government of India, have not been declassified. For instance, the reports prepared by Messrs Finney and Davies, who were sent to the Far East to trace Netaji after the News of the aircrash was known, are not yet available for administrative examination. They were accompanied by two Indian Police Officers, H.K.Ray and K.P.De, who might have submitted their own reports to the Intelligence Bureau. The Government of India should be urged to make all these reports available for close scrutiny.

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Before the Notary Public at New Delhi.

I, Tilak Raj Sareen S/o Sh. Ram Nath Sareen
Aged about 65 years Residing at B-402, Kaveri Apartments,
Alakhnanda, New Delhi by occupation Retired Director do
hereby solemnly affirm and say as follows:-

1. I am the Petitioner of this written statement.
2. Verified that the statement made in paragraph affidavit
of the above petition are true to my knowledge and those
in paragraphs _____ are from information
received and believe to be true by me.
3. I swear and affirm this affidavit

Sworn before me by the deponent who is identified by _____

The affidavit has been read out in full to the deponent
who has signed it after admitting it to be correct, on
this the 3rd day of March 2000.

DEPONENT

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& Identified by me.

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**Government of India
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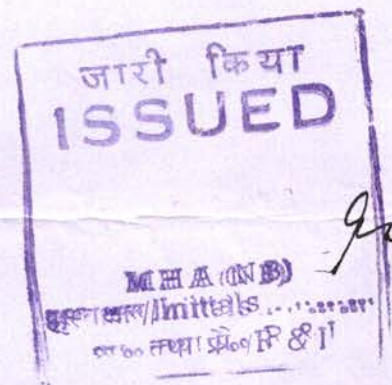
Enclosed please find herewith a copy of the affidavit filed by Dr. Tilak Raj Sareen dated 3/3/2000 and to request you to confirm whether the copies of reports as indicated in para 4 of the affidavit is available . If so, it may also be confirmed whether the same has been declassified and can be submitted to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for their scrutiny.

U.K. Kalra
(U.K. KALRA)
DIRECTOR (IS-II)

DIB(Attn. Shri A.K. Gupta), Jt. Director]

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No. JMC/Records ND/99-2000/37(III)/471.

Kolkata, dated, 18th Dec. '02.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Director (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.



Sir,

I am directed to refer to the affidavit dated 27.2.2001 of Mrs. Sangita Gairola, the then Joint Secretary of M.H.A., wherefrom it appears that the M.H.A. can provide this Commission with an extract from the report dated 31.12.1945 of the C.S.D.I.C. which was sent by the Intelligence Bureau to the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee. I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly send to the Commission immediately the said extract from the C.S.D.I.C. report dated 31.12.45.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

DIRECTOR (IS-II)

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To
The Director(IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.


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**Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs**

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Enclosed please find herewith a copy of letter No.JMCI/Records ND/99-2000/37(III)/471 dated 18.12.02. It is requested that the extract from the CSDIC report dated 31/12/1945 which was sent by the IB to the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee may kindly be made available to the Commission under intimation to this Ministry.


(U.K. KALRA)
DIRECTOR(IS-II)

DIB (Attn.Shri Sanjay Sinha, Joint Director)

MHA U.O No.I/12014/13/2000-IS(D.V)

dated 6.1.03

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(III)/ 458 (71)

December 11, 2002

From :

Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)

Officer on Special Duty

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To

Jt. Secretary (Internal Security-I)

Ministry of Home Affairs,

Government of India,

North Block

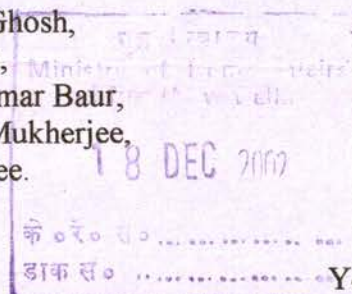
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Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the next sitting of the Commission will be held on 27.12.2002 starting at 11.00 O'clock in the forenoon at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007, when the Commission, besides transacting other business, is likely to examine the following witnesses on 27.12.2002 :-

Witnesses :

1. Shri Monoranjan Ghosh,
2. Shri Kanailal Basu,
3. Shri Sukhendu Kumar Baur,
4. Shri Bijoy Ketan Mukherjee,
5. Smt. Rama Banerjee.



Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

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(MRKS Rao)
Assistant Director

MHA : (Shri UK Kalra, Director, IS-II)

DIB UO No.IV/8(22)/2002-106

Dated: 15 JAN 2003

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Extract from the G.S. 5D I.C. India) Red Fort, Delhi
No. 2 Section Report no. 1150. dated the 31.12.195.
Capt. Habib-ur-Rahman Khan.

18. THE SURRENDER OF THE JAPANESE.

14 August 45. A messenger from HACHIYA (minister to the PG of Azad Hind) handed Bose a note that the Japanese Govt had decided to surrender and asked Bose whether he had anything to communicate to them on behalf of the PG of Azad Hind. In the afternoon Bose called a meeting at which the following were present:-

- (1) B 1269
- (2) S.A. Iyer.
- (3) Alagappan.
- (4) Nagar
- (5) M.Z. Kiani.
- (6) A.N. Sirkar.

Bose read the message of HACHIYA and then invited suggestions as to their further line of action. At the meeting it was decided that the I.N.A. would also surrender and that every one was to stay where he was, including Bose who decided to surrender at Singapore. Orders were then issued by Bose to distribute 3 months pay to all ranks, and to ensure that each I.N.A. Camp was provided with 2/3 months rations.

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19. DEPARTURE TO BANGKOK

15 Aug.45 At about midnight, B 1269 was summoned by Bose, and on his arrival at Bose's Bungalow he found S.A. Iyer and Capt. S.N. Gupta 5/11 Sikh already there. B 1269 was ordered to take over charge of the I.N.A. HQ to M.Z. Kiani and to get ready for a journey to Bangkok on the following morning. The plan then was for Bose and B 1269 to return to Singapore within 2/3 days, and therefore only bare necessities were carried on this journey. B 1269 received further orders from Bose to destroy all Army records. These orders were conveyed to M.Z. Kiani for execution. B 1269 learnt from S.A. Iyer that the object of Bose's visit to Bangkok was to contact HACHIYA and Lt. Col. ISODA in connection with the surrender plans. B 1269 disclaims all knowledge of any secret orders issued by Bose to any I.N.A. or I.I.L. personnel.

16 Aug.45 B 1269 arrived at Bose's bungalow at 0900 hrs where he saw the following:-

- (1) S.A. Iyer
- (2) M.Z. Kiani.
- (3) Alagappan.
- (4) "Capt." Shamsher Singh
- (5) Lt. Col. Malhotra.
- (6) A young Japanese officer of Hikari Kikan
- (7) Capt Pritam Singh Kapurthala Inf.

B 1269 believes that Dr. Lakhshmaya (Chairman of I.I.L. Singapore) and A.N. Sirkar were also present there but he is not definite about this. B 1269 together with Bose and the a/m serials 1 to 7 went to the Civil Aerodrome where Bose, B 1269, S.A. Iyer and Capt Pritam Singh boarded a Japanese twin engine bomber especially chartered for Bose and party. B1269 carried a travelling bag and a suit case containing a consolidated statement of I.N.A. strength in Malaya. He states that he does not remember details of luggage carried by Bose and the others. The plane which left Singapore at 0930 hrs halted for an hour at Taiping, and reached Bangkok at about 1500 hrs that evening. They were not met by anybody at Bangkok aerodrome, due to telephone lines being dislocated as a result of air raids. At Bangkok aerodrome Bose waited for an hour, after which B 1269, Bose and Iyer left by car. On the way they met Bhonsle who took them in his car to a bungalow where Lt. Col ISODA and HACHIYA were living. There they met Lt. Gen. ISODA, HACHIYA and Col. KAGAWA. They held a conference at which HACHIYA spoke in English. They discussed the I.N.A. and Japanese surrender. HACHIYA and ISODA informed Bose that no orders had been received from the Japanese Govt. regarding the I.N.A. surrender, and therefore they were not in a position to advise on the proposal of a separate surrender by the I.N.A. They suggested that Bose go to

17 Aug 45

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Bose and party then motored to a vacant house originally occupied by Lt Col Chatterjee. At about 1500 hrs HACHIYA and ISODA together with the Staff Colonel informed Bose in the presence of IYER and B1269, that Marshal TERAUCHI had received no orders from Tokyo in connection with the surrender of the I.N.A., and therefore he was not in a position to give any advice on the matter. Bose then asked the Japanese whether transport was available to take him and his staff to Tokyo in order to settle the matter thereof a separate surrender. After this Bose conferred with the following of his staff :-

- (1) B1269
- (2) Capt Gulzara Singh
- (3) S.A. Iyer
- (4) Capt Pritam Singh
- (5) Civ (Col) Hassan
- (6) Deb Nath Das

All agreed that flying to Tokyo was quite possible as the region between Saigon and Tokyo was still under Japanese control. It was further decided that the following

- (7) S.A. Iyer
- (8) B1269
- (9) Capt Gulzara Singh
- (10) Civ (Col) Hassan

should accompany Bose to Tokyo if transport for them was available. The Japanese Staff Officer arrived soon afterwards, and informed them that a plane bound for Tokyo was about to take off from Saigon airfield, but that only two persons could be accommodated in it. Bose insisted that he should get 5 seats, and the Staff Officer gave an assurance that the remaining three seats would be made available the following day. Bose then held another discussion with his would-be companions, and it was decided that he himself should go to Tokyo while the rest would follow the next day. Bose then looked at all those present and selected B1269 to accompany him. Bose's luggage was packed by Civ (Col) Hassan and it consisted of:

- (a) a suit case 22" by 15" by 9" approx
- (b) 2 small attache cases 15" by 8" by 6" approx

B1269 states that he has no knowledge as to the contents of these cases, as he never handled them.

Notes:- B1269 has been questioned about the large quantity of gold Bose is alleged to have carried away with him from Burma, but B1269 disclaims all knowledge of it. Civ Dina Nath (Chairman of Azad Hind Bank) has stated that of the Rs. 15 crores PG of India's total assets held in the Azad Hind Bank, 7½ crores were in property, 7½ crores in Japanese paper currency, and 145 pounds weight of gold. The gold was taken by Bose to Bangkok on 24 Apr. 45 when the I.N.A. HQ evacuated Burma.

17 Aug 45

By 1630 hrs that evening, Bose and B1259 entered the plane which was a twin engine bomber of the type used on their flight from Singapore to Saigon. B1259 does not know the Japanese bomber formation to which this aircraft belonged, nor has he any idea about its registration number. Besides Bose and B1259 there were other passengers whose respective positions in the bomber are given below :-

- (3) The wireless operator was seated in the nose.
- (4) In the pilot's seat was a Japanese sub offr.
- (5) A Japanese air-man sat on the right of the pilot.
- (6) A Japanese Air Force Officer sat behind the pilot.
- (7) A Japanese Gen named SHEDAI sat on the right of No.6
- (8) Bose sat behind Gen SHEDAI
- (9) B1259 sat behind Bose
- (10) A Japanese Colonel of the Air Force sat in the turret.
- (11) Lt Col SAKAMAI sat in the turret with No.1
- (12) A Japanese Major sat in the tail with another Japanese Offr. and
- (13)

Serials 3-7 were already seated in the bomber when Bose entered the plane. As soon as Bose entered, Gen SHEDAI exchanged greetings with Bose. There was no formal introduction. Before leaving, Bose gave instructions to those left behind that they should follow him by plane as soon as possible. As far as B1259 knows, it was Bose's intention to return to Singapore after he had visited Tokyo and made arrangements there regarding a separate surrender for the I.N.A.

22. AT TOURANE (FIC)

17 Aug 45

The bomber reached Tourane (FIC) airfield at about 1830 hrs. The Japanese placed a staff car at the disposal of Bose, in which Bose, B1259 and the Japanese Maj drove off to the hotel in the town. B1259 stayed with Bose in this hotel for the night, but they lived in separate rooms.

18 Aug 45

B1259 and Bose arrived at Tourane at 0830 hrs, and entered the same bomber that they had travelled in the previous day. All passengers occupied seats in the same order as on the previous day's flight. There was no change in the number of passengers, and the luggage carried was also the same. Bose wore a khaki bush shirt and khaki trousers. His head dress was a khaki Fd Cap of Fd Service pattern.

18 Aug 45

His last words were in Hindustani "I feel that I shall die. I have fought for Indian Independence until the last. Tell my countrymen, India will be free before long. Long live Independent India". B1269 had seen only one Japanese (probably a Capt.) sitting on a boulder near the plane with bleeding injuries on his head. Besides burns on the right side, and he also received two minor wounds on the head and one lacerated wound on the right leg below the knee.

B-1269's face was slightly burnt on the

Note 1: B1269 bears marks of burns on the face and on both hands, two slight scars on the head and one mark of an injury on the right leg below the knee.

Note 2: When asked to explain why S.C. Bose was badly burned and he himself was not, B1269 stated that Bose's clothes may have been drenched in petrol, as Bose sat under a petrol tank in the plane. Bose's clothes were of light weight K.D. B 1269 wore knee-boots, serge breeches and a serge tunic, his clothes were not burned at all (he wears them now at CSDIC(f))

Within 10 minutes, a First Aid party arrived in lorries, and Bose and B1269 were removed in one of the lorries to the Army Hospital a short distance from the scene of accident. Among others injured who came to the hospital (some before B1269 and others after) were a pilot, a Lt. Col, a Major and Lt. or Capt. B1269 later heard that Gen SHIDAI, the wireless operator, one of the members of the air crew and the Japanese Air Force officer had died. The Japanese Gen had been killed instantaneously. B 1269 remained with Bose from the time of the crash until the death of Bose at about 2100 hrs that night Tokyo Time. Bose was treated for his burns and several injections were administered by 3 or 4 Japanese doctors who attended him. B1269 does not know the names of the hospital staff. Whilst in hospital Bose regained consciousness from time to time and uttered a few words, sometimes asking for water and sometimes suggesting that he be given injections. Some Japanese military officers came to the hospital and made enquiries from time to time about Bose's conditions. When the doctors announced Bose's death to these officers, B1269 requested them to send news to Bangkok and Singapore about the accident. Bose's body was kept in the room where he died, and B1269 remained there all the night together with Japanese guards and some patients. B-1269 states that he did not keep any souvenirs, as none was available on the person of Bose after the accident - all their luggage having been burnt on the plane.

19th August, 1945: - Bose's body remained in hospital all that day and night. The Japanese Staff Colonel visited B-1269 who requested him to make arrangements for the dead body to be taken to Singapore. B-1269 was told that arrangements were being made as requested for the corpse to be taken in a transport plane.

20th August, 1945: A coffin made of sandal wood was brought to the hospital and Bose's body was placed therein.

21st August, 1945: - B-1269 was informed that as the coffin was too large, it was not possible to transport it by plane, and the idea had therefore to be dropped. B-1269 then suggested that the body be cremated as the Japanese had said they were unable

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to preserve it. After the Japanese had signified their consent to this proposal, two photographs of Bose were taken, one with the body fully covered inside the coffin, and the other with the lid of the coffin closed and B-1269 seated by its side. Fruit and incense were placed on the coffin in accordance with Japanese custom.

22nd August, 1945: - At about 1000 hours Bose's body was removed to a crematorium where a Japanese cleric who spoke excellent English, performed a religious ceremony. After this, Bose's body was taken out of the coffin and placed in a furnace. The door of the furnace was locked and the key was kept by a Japanese military officer. B-1269 had declined to take charge of the key as he was at the time running a temperature and was in a very depressed state of mind. The body was then set alight by the cleric's assistant. At the cremation there were about 30 Japanese medical and military officers present. B-1269 does not recollect any of their names. B-1269 states that he was the only Indian present at the time. About half an hour after the body had been set alight, B-1269 left the crematorium with the others.

In the city, where a religious ceremony was again performed by the cleric. At this temple

23rd August, 1945: - B-1269 in the company of the cleric and a Staff Major and 3 or 4 other Japanese visited the crematorium when the ashes of Bose were collected and placed in a wooden box specially made for the purpose. B-1269 was shown a small piece of gold among the ashes which he believes was part of one of Bose's gold teeth. The box containing the ashes was then taken to a Japanese temple/one of the military officers pointed to another box and told B-1269 that it contained the ashes of the Japanese Gen, whom he said had also died as the result of the air crash.

28th August, 1945: - B-1269 was removed to Hokoto hospital a distance of about 12 miles from Taihoku. While there, B-1269 requested the Japanese authorities to send him back to either Bangkok or Singapore.

3 Sep., 1945: - B-1269 was told that a plane would be leaving for Tokyo on the following day, and that he could avail himself of this chance and take with him the ashes of Bose to Tokyo.

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4 Sep 45.

B1269 returned to Taihoku and boarded the plane which carried 4 other Japanese passengers including Lt Col SAKAMAKI and 3 civilians whose names were not known to B1269. B1269 was told that the crash on 18 AUGUST 45 was due to one of the airscrews being damaged when the plane was taking off. B1269 carried with him the wooden box containing the ashes of Bose, the two photographs of Bose taken on the 21st Aug 45, three photographs of the wrecked planes and a rectangular wrist gold watch with a leather strap.

Note 1:- B1269 explains that this watch was made over to him on 23 Aug 45 by one of the Japanese Mos who had attended Bose at the Taihoku hospital. It may be remarked here, that this watch has since found its way to S.C. Bose's brother Sarat Chandra Bose in Calcutta, and that B 1269 admits that two days after his arrival at Delhi he secretly gave this watch to Capt Shah Nawaz (B1045).

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Note 2: B1269 states that no photograph of Bose's dead face was taken as the face was badly burned and made grotesque by the ointments etc which had been applied to his skin by the Japanese doctors.

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4 Sep 45.

On arrival at Fukuoka aerodrome B1269 was taken to a Japanese hotel where he spent the night.

6 Sep 45

Left Fukuoka by plane about noon and reached an aerodrome (name not known) at 1500 hrs. At Fukuoka Lt Col. SAKAMAKI separated from B1269, as he stated he intended to travel by train from there to Tokyo. Before parting, SAKAMAKI took charge of the box containing the ashes of Bose as both hands of B 1269 were bandaged as a result of burns.

6 Sep 45.

From the aerodrome on the mainland (name not known) B1269 reached Tokyo by train, where he was met at the railway station by a young Japanese Officer. From the railway station B 1269 was taken to the house of one of his fellow Japanese passengers, and later that evening moved to the house of Ramnurti, the Chairman of the I.I.L. Tokyo. B 1269 expalined to Ramnurti in the presence of Mrs. Ramnurti (a Japanese) and 2 or 3 Indian students who were training in the Tokyo Military Academy, the circumstances of Bose's death. Shortly before B 1269 arrived in Ramnurti's house, the box containing the ashes of Bose had reached there. That night B 1269 shifted to the house of Mrs. Sahai where he again met S.A. Iyer, who expalined that he (Iyer) had left Saigon on the 15 or 20 Aug alone, as plane accommodation could not be arranged for the rest of Bose's party.

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Note:- B1269 is unable to give any information regarding the subsequent movements of the following 4 men who were left behind in Saigon:-

- (1) Capt (Col) Gulzara Singh.
- (2) Capt (Maj) Pritam Singh.
- (3) Deb Nath Das.
- (4) Civ (Col) Hassan).

While in the house of Mrs Sahi several Indian students of the Military Academy (whose names B1269 does not recollect) and also Rammurti visited B1269. The same Japanese Military officer who met B 1269 at Tokyo Railway Station, questioned B1269 in detail regarding the accident at Taihoku. This same officer also took charge of the two photographs of Bose in a coffin, which B1269 had up to then been carrying with him. B1269 had up to then been carrying with him. B1269 states that these photographs had been shown by him to Rammurti, Mrs Sahai and S.A. Iyer.

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9 Sep 45. B1269 shifted to another house where he was joined two days later by S.A.Iyer. B1269 while living in this house with Iyer was once interrogated by an American officer and by Lt Col. Figgess. (An Indian Army officer on the British Section attached to Gen MacArthur's H.Q) . B1269 states that both he and S.A. Iyer visited Atami, Nikko, Hakone and Kyo all small towns on the main island for health and recreation purposes. There were no Indians living at these places and B1269 disclaims that he or Iyer went to these places on any kind of mission.

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Subject:- Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, Kolkata.

In continuation of this Secretariat D.O. letter of even number dated 31.12.2002 and endorsement dated 9.1.2003, enclosed please find information received from Cabinet Secretariat, Bikaner House.

2. It is requested that the information provided by Cabinet Sectt. (R&AW) may kindly be forwarded to the Commission under intimation to this Secretariat.

Pl attend to this.
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(Shatrughna Singh)
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2. The Research & Analysis Wing (R&AW) is a security organisation under
the umbrella of Cabinet Secretariat which was carved out of Intelligence Bureau (MHA)
with effect from 21st September 1968. Therefore, prior to establishment of R&AW on
21.9.1968, its work was looked after by the IB. Justice Mukherjee Commission of
Inquiry may be informed accordingly.


(P.K.MATHUR)
DIRECTOR(PERS)

Shri Shatrughna Singh, Director, Cabinet Secretariat, Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

Cab. Sectt.(R&AW) UO No. 15/11/99-Pers.5(New Pers.3) - 242 dated

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New Delhi dt. 17.1.03

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(U.K. KALRA)
DIRECTOR (IS-II)

Copy to: IB w.r.t to their UO No.IV/8(22))/2002-106 dated 15.1.03



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Sir,

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Pers.5 (New Pers.3) - 242 dated 10.1.03 of Cabinet Secretariat
(R&AW) forwarded by Cabinet Sectt., Rashtrapati Bhavan vide ID
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2. Copies of the reports available with IB pertaining to disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose were sent to the MHA vide DO letter No. IV/8(66)/2001-918 dated 20.06.01. This included reports furnished by PES Finney and WFM Davies, both Assistant Directors of IB. These reports were also declassified by IB in the same letter and were made available to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) vide MHA letter No.I-12014/13/2001-IS(D.III) dated 3.7.01. No report, prepared by HK Ray and KP De, as mentioned by the deponent TR Sareen is available with IB.



(MRKS Rao)
Assistant Director

MHA : (Shri UK Kalara, Director/IS-II)
DIB UO No.IV/8(22)/2002-129 Dated: 21 JAN 2003

Dr. P. S. Upadhyay
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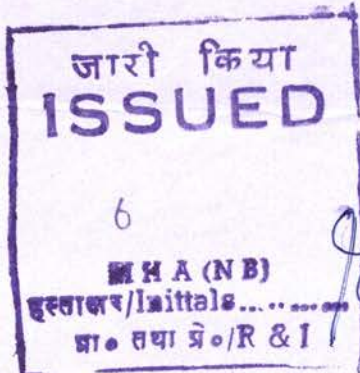
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Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.JMCI/25/2000/413 dated 14/11/02 requesting for authenticated copies of the reports prepared by H.K. Ray and K.P. De as mentioned in para 4 of affidavit filed by Dr.Tilak Raj Sareen and to say that no such report is available with IB .

(U.K. KALRA)
DIRECTOR (IS-II)

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

February 6, 2003

Dear Shri Goyal,

I enclose herewith copy of a self-explanatory letter along with its enclosures received from Shri Aftab Seth, Ambassador of India, Tokyo, regarding the question of conducting of a DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose preserved at the Renkoji Temple, Tokyo.

2. Given the sensitivity of the issue, it is requested that the points raised by the Ambassador and the observations of Smt. Krishna Bose, M.P. in their letters may please be given careful consideration. It is also requested that the advice of the Ministry of Home Affairs in this regard be conveyed to this Ministry so that our Ambassador in Tokyo could be advised accordingly. In the interim, we are requesting the Ambassador to await Government's instructions before taking any further action in the matter.

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Shri L.C. Goyal,
Joint Secretary (IS),
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No. TOK/102/02/03

January 28, 2003

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I am enclosing a copy of my letter dated January 29, 2003 to Mrs. Krishna Bose, MP which I wrote in response to her letter of January 23, 2003 regarding the mortal remains of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose being kept in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. The contents of the letter are self-explanatory.

2. I fully appreciate the sensitivities expressed by Rev. Koshi Mochizuki, the Chief Minister of the Renkoji Temple. On the direction of the Justice Mukherjee Commission, we approached the Renkoji Temple for re-examination of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji to ascertain whether DNA test could be carried out. In this regard I had written to Rev. Mochizuki seeking his assistance. However, Rev. Mochizuki has requested our Counsellor Shri Ramesh Chander for a formal request and a communication from the Indian leadership and also "some notification by the Government of India with regard to the requested DNA testing."

3. In the last meeting that Counsellor Ramesh Chander had with Rev. Mochizuki on January 20, 2003, Rev. Mochizuki expressed some concern with regard to the opening and re-opening of the mortal remains of Netaji in view of the religious sensitivities under the Buddhist traditions. He also indicated that it would be appreciated if in future these matters are handled with greater "formality." Rev. Mochizuki also pointed out that he had come to know that some photographs taken earlier of the casket of the mortal remains of the Netaji by our officials, on instructions from the Commission, and sent to them, had found their way to the media. He said that this was a matter of regret and a source of embarrassment to the Temple.

4. On the directions of the Justice Mukherjee Commission, we had located Prof. Momoki Hirai, a DNA expert who is a Professor in the Department of Integrated Biosciences, Graduate School of Frontier Sciences, University of Tokyo. Prof. Hirai has agreed to assist and do the requisite examination as required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission, i.e., to ascertain whether the mortal remains of Netaji could be tested for DNA. A meeting for this purpose had been fixed on February 7, 2003 after consulting both Prof. Hirai and Rev. Mochizuki. However, in the light of the observations of Mrs. Krishna Bose, MP, please advise us whether we should await "the formal communication" from the leadership which has been requested by Rev. Mochizuki. We would also request

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7 Ministry's advice on the parameters for identification of a suitable DNA expert, particularly whether we should have both a Japanese and an Indian expert working on this project.

5. I shall be grateful if you could kindly let us know the considered opinion of the Ministry on these issues before we proceed with the re-opening of the casket yet again. As an interim measure, we are requesting the Renkoji Temple and Prof. Hirai to agree to defer the meeting scheduled for February 7, 2003.

Good wishes

Yours sincerely,

(Aftab Seth)

Shri Nalin Surie,
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January 29, 2003

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For Srimati Bose

Thank you for your letter regarding Netaji's mortal remains which lie in the Renkoji Temple.

2. I entirely agree with you that the fullest respect and honour must be paid at all times to the mortal remains of Netaji.

3. I am sorry to learn about the problems Reverend Mochizuki has experienced in his dealings with our officials, who visited the temple on the instructions of the Justice Mukherjee Commission to convey requests received from the Commission.

4. I am leaving for India tomorrow morning on an official visit but shall personally call on Rev. Mochizuki on my return to Japan and offer my apologies for any unintentional offence that may have been given by my officials. I have met Rev. Mochizuki on several earlier occasions and he has always received me with the utmost courtesy.

5. I also wish to assure you that, as has been the practice in the past, in any further dealings with the Renkoji Temple, the fullest regard will be paid to the sentiments and wishes expressed by you. We will ensure that neither the Temple priests, who have so lovingly cared for Netaji's mortal remains, nor the members of the family should have any cause for complaint.

With warm regards and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Aftab Seth)

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Ambassador Aftab Seth
Ambassador of India to Japan
Tokyo
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Dear Ambassador Aftab Seth,

I am writing to you on Netaji's birthday to ask you to please ensure that the proper and highest respect is shown by the Government of India to Netaji's mortal remains kept in the Renkoji Temple. I also would like to urge you to see that all officials of the Indian Embassy show due sensitivity to Japanese sentiments, especially of those who have taken care of Netaji's mortal remains for so many years.

My son Sugata Bose, Gardiner Professor of History at Harvard University and also Director of the Netaji Research Bureau, was visiting Japan to give academic lectures in Kyoto and Tokyo earlier this month. When he visited the Renkoji Temple on 15th January 2003, he found that the priest Reverend Mochizuki had been deeply disturbed by the way in which officials of the Embassy had ordered him to open the casket containing Netaji's mortal remains without any proper explanation as to the purpose it might serve. You should know that the casket containing Netaji's mortal remains has been opened only twice before by Reverend Mochizuki senior, the current priest's father - once for Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru in the 1950's and the second time for my late husband Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose in 1965. My husband told me that the priest had to conduct prayers for a whole day before opening the casket in 1965. As you know, in the Japanese Buddhist tradition, the ashes and bones of the dead are revered. It was improper for the mortal remains of the great leader of our independence movement to have been interfered with without giving the priest an opportunity to conduct necessary rituals and without the respectful presence of the highest representatives of the Government of India. I have been informed by telephone by Japanese friends of Netaji that officials of the Embassy had made a peremptory phone call and shown up at the Renkoji Temple the next day.

I understand that during a subsequent visit on 20th January 2003 by a counsellor at our Embassy it has been explained to the priest that a DNA test might be conducted on Netaji's mortal remains. I myself have no objection to such a test being conducted if DNA material is still available in Netaji's mortal remains. However, it must be done with the utmost respect being shown to the remains and polite gratitude expressed to the Japanese who have cared for the remains for fifty-eight years. Netaji's mortal remains must not be disturbed until prior and proper arrangements have been made by selecting top DNA experts in the world. You are the highest representative of our government in Japan. I hope that you will handle a matter of such national and international importance yourself rather than leaving it to your subordinate officials.

And, of course, if Netaji's mortal remains were in the future to be brought back to India, the highest echelons of the Government of India including the President and the Prime Minister will have to be involved.

I look forward to hearing from you to be reassured that you understand the points I have raised and the information I have given.

With warmest regards and good wishes,

Sincerely,

Krishna Bose
Krishna Bose

CC. Shri Kanwal Sibal
Foreign Secretary, Government of India

UMESH KALRA
DIRECTOR (IS-II)

TEL:23092998

D.O NO.I/12014/13/2000-IS(D.V)

New Delhi, dated 18th Feb, 2003

Dear Shri

During visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Renkoji Temple in Japan the mortal remains alleged to be of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose containing ashes, bone fragments, greyish in colour, parts of the skull and other bone fragments.

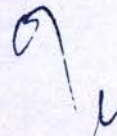
2. You are requested to kindly confirm whether the DNA testing of the remains alleged to be of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose is possible in the absence of suitable parameters. If so, whether such testing can be considered to be a reliable parameters to ascertain that the mortal remains lying in Renkoji Temple belongs to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.
3. A suitable DNA expert views may kindly be furnished to this Ministry for taking further necessary action in the matter.

Yours sincerely,



(UMESH KALRA)

Shri L.C. Amarnathan,
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

February 24, 2003

Dear Shri Goyal,

Please refer to my letter of even number dated February 6, 2003 regarding the question of conducting a DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

I would be grateful if the advice of the Ministry of Home Affairs in this matter is conveyed to us at an early date.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale
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Shri L.C.Goyal,
Joint Secretary (IS),
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New Delhi, dated , 4th March, 2003

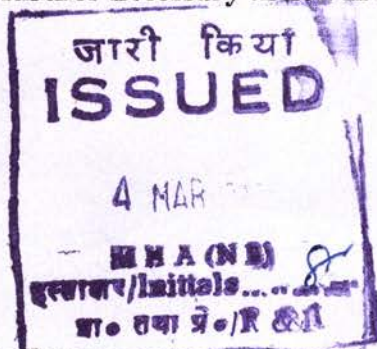
Dear Shri Amarnathanji,

Apropos my D.O. letter of even number dated 18th February, 2003 regarding the visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Renkoji Temple in Japan to look into the possibility of conducting DNA test of the mortal remains alleged to be of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. You are again requested to kindly confirm whether the DNA testing of the above mortal remains is possible in the absence of suitable parameters. If so, whether such testing can be considered to be reliable to ascertain that the mortal remains are that of Netaji.

3. I shall be grateful if a suitable DNA expert views are made available to the MHA for taking further necessary action in the matter.

With regards,

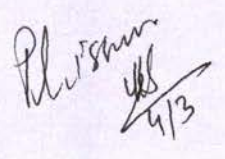


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Yours sincerely,


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Joint Secretary (CNV)

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March 12, 2003

Dear Shri Goyal,

Please refer to my letter of even number dated February 6, 2003 and reminder of 24.2.2003 regarding the question of conducting a DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We have now been informed by our Mission in Tokyo that they have been urged by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to take quick action in the matter. In view of this, I would request you to apprise us of the decision of Ministry of Home Affairs in this regard to enable us advise our Mission appropriately.

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

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Shri L.C.Goyal,
Joint Secretary (IS),
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

March 25, 2003

Dear Shri Goyal,

Please refer to my letter of even number dated March 12, 2003 regarding the question of conducting a DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

In this connection, I am forwarding herewith a copy of the letter dated 13th March, 2003 from the Justice Mukherjee Commission along with a fax from our Mission in Tokyo which is self-explanatory. As is evident, the Commission is pressing our Mission in Tokyo hard for the early appointment of an expert for the examination of the mortal remains in the Renkoji Temple.

In view of the urgency being assigned by the Commission to this subject, it is requested that the decision of Ministry of Home Affairs may be expedited. This decision, if considered appropriate, could also be communicated directly to the Commission under intimation to this Ministry.

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)
(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri L.C.Goyal,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi

Encl: as above

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No. JMCII/EO/2002-2003/83/590.

Kolkata, dated, 13th March'03.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

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S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the FAX message dated December 27, 2002 received US (N20) from Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs Embassy of India in Japan, which speaks for itself, and to request you to kindly appreciate the importance and urgency of the matter and take necessary action so that the Commission receives the opinion of a competent expert immediately on whether any material exists in the mortal remains allegedly of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept at the Renkoji temple in Japan from which D.N.A. may be isolated for the purposes of D.N. A. tests, as called for by the Commission from the Embassy of India in Tokyo.

This may kindly be treated as urgent.

Enclosure: As stated. above.

Yours faithfully,
P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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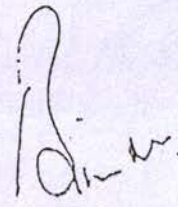
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For	Shri PK Sengupta Secretary	From	Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affaires
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Reference your fax of December 26, 2002. As conveyed to the Hon'ble Commission by Second Secretary Aseem Mahajan in response to your fax of December 17, 2002, both Second Secretary Armstrong and First Secretary Rajasekhar have departed for postings in the Embassies of India in Lagos, Nigeria and the Port of Spain in Guyana respectively.

The Embassy shall immediately solicit the services of an expert to re-examine the bones of the deceased at the Renkoji Temple to seek his opinion on whether any material exists from which DNA may be isolated for the purposes of a DNA test.

This process however may take some time and would involve certain expenditure. We shall be reverting to the Hon'ble Commission for permission to undertake the necessary expenditure after making local enquiries.

With kind regards.


(Biren Nanda)

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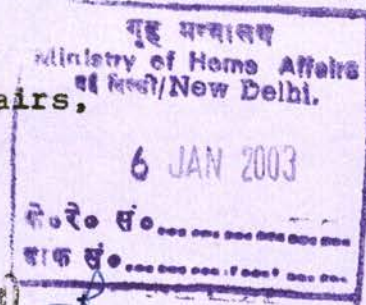
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No. JMCI/25/2000/487.

Kolkata, dated 30th Dec.'02.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.



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Sir,

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In inviting a reference to this Commission's
Letter No. JMCI/25/2000/413 dated 14.11.02 (copy
enclosed), I am directed to state that reply to the
aforesaid letter is yet to be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to
kindly do the needful as expeditiously as possible.

Enclosure: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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No. JMCII/25/2000/413.

Kolkata, dated, 14th November '02.

From : Shri M. Roy, I.A.S.(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Secretary
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Govt. of India,
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New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a Xerox copy of the affidavit filed by Dr. Tilak Raj Sareen and to invite your kind attention to the para 4 (last para) thereof with the request to make available to the Commission authenticated Xerox copies of the reports, referred to in the said para, if those are in the possession or under the control of the Government of India.

Encl: as above

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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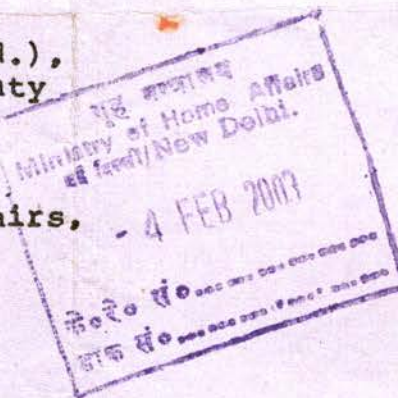
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No. JMCI/25/2000/525.

Kolkata, dated, 30th Jan.'2003.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
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New Delhi-110001.



Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Commission's letter no. JMCI/25/2000/413 dated 14.11.2002, followed by the reminder bearing No. JMCI/25/2000/487 dated 30.12.2002 and to request you again to kindly make available to the Commission immediately authenticated xerox copies of the reports allegedly prepared by Messers Finney and Davies who were allegedly sent to the Far East alongwith Shri H.K. Roy and Shri K.P. De, both Indian Police Officers, to trace Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose after the alleged plane crash at Taipai in 1945.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
 Officer on Special Duty.

The Commission has already been informed vide p. 26/Cor that no such report is available with I.B. (IB's letter vide p. 27/Cor).

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March 18, 2003

My dear Kalra,

Please refer to your DO letter No.I/12014/13/2000/IS(D.V) dated 18th February, 2003 regarding possibility of DNA testing of the mortal remains (ashes, bone fragments and parts of skull) alleged to be of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. In this connection, it is informed that the DNA experts' views in the matter have been obtained and are given below:

- (i) DNA profiling test can be taken up on bone fragments/parts of skull. But it is not possible to do the test on ashes, formed as residue due to incineration at high temperature.
- (ii) DNA profiling of the bone fragments/skull needs comparison with the DNA profiling of control samples of biologically connected relatives, if supplied.
- (iii) However, chances of success of DNA test can be known only after subjecting the mortal remains for DNA isolation and genotyping.

I, therefore, request you to kindly take further necessary action in the matter according to the above mentioned views expressed by the DNA experts.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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April 02, 2003

From : **Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)**
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Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 6. The Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India,
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi-110004.
 7. The Director,
Intelligence Bureau, Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.



Subject : Status Report from 01.03.2003 to 31.03.2003.

Ref : Your Office letter No.I/12014/I/2000-IS(D.III) dated 07.02.2000.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status Report' of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, for favour of taking necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above

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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
For Inquiry Into the Alleged Disappearance of
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STATUS REPORT
(From 01.03.2003 to 31.03.2003)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the Status Report for the period from 01.02.2003 to 28.02.2003 forwarded under Commission's Registered letters No.JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/585(7) dated 07.03.2003 to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, for favour of taking necessary action at their end.
2. There has been no further development in the matters as stated in paras 2,3,4,5,8,10,11,12,13,14, and 15 of the aforesaid Status Report for the period from 01.02.2003 to 28.02.2003.
3. (a) Hearing of the Commission was held on 26.03.2003 and 27.03.2003 in the Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, Kolkata, when seven witnesses were examined before the Commission.
(b) Orders in pursuance of the hearing of the Commission held on 09.01.2003 in respect of paragraph 7(a) of the Status Report as on 28.11.2002, were passed by the Hon'ble Chairman at the time of the hearing of the Commission on 26.03.2003.
(c) The next hearing of the Commission will be on April 03, 2003.
4. The Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in his d.o. letter dated 13.11.2002 addressed to the Hon'ble Chairman has stated inter alia :
".....since the Commission feels that these papers (i.e. classified British records on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose) could be of vital importance with reference to its mandate, we have again taken up the issue of their release with the British Government and would keep you informed of the outcome in this regard."

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you of all possible assistance from our side to facilitate the inquiry of the Commission”.

Since then the Ministry of External Affairs has sent a d.o. letter bearing No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX(I) dated February 28, 2003 wherein it has been stated, inter alia, that the Indian Mission in London has taken up the matter with the authorities concerned in the U.K. and has been following up with them; but “till date no response has been received from the British authorities.”

- 5 (a) In view of the assertions of some deponents that documents containing clinching evidence relating to the points of inquiry of the Commission are in the possession and/or under the control of different foreign Departments, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India was requested on 11.11.2002, (apropos the Hon'ble Chairman's discussions with the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India held on 28.10.2002), to take up the matter with the Government of the U.K., the U.S.A., Japan, Taiwan, Russia, all other States which are now sovereign but previously within the erstwhile USSR, Thailand, Malayasia, Singapore, Vietnam, Germany, Ireland, etc. to make available or accessible to the Commission at their earliest convenience, all relevant documents which are in the possession and/or under the control of the aforesaid Governments and/or in the various archives of those countries. In response, a list of archives in Kazakhstan and the name, address, etc. of one archive in Kyrgyzstan have been received on 10.02.2003, lists of archives of Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Armenia and the name and telephone No. of one archive in Georgia, have been received on 25.02.2003, and lists of archives in Belarus and Lithuania have been received on 11.03.2003. The Ministry of External Affairs has stated in their d.o. letters dated February 28, 2003 that the National Archives of Turkmenistan do not have any information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose; that the Ministry of External Affairs has asked the Indian Mission in Moscow to check with the Russian Foreign Office about the presence of any relevant documents in the archives of the Russian Federation with specific references to the archives mentioned in the list of Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy; that the Indian Mission in the Russian Federation is checking with the Russian Foreign Office regarding the points raised by the Commission in

its letter No. 398 dated 11.11.2002 concerning the list of archives in the Russian Federation, that the Indian Mission in Belarus "has also informed that all requests for service from the listed archives must be specific and all services rendered are charged"; and that information from the remaining countries are being procured and will be sent to the Commission as soon as received.

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- (b) The Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/599 dated March 21, 2003 to kindly send immediately a copy of the reply received by the Indian Mission, Turkmenistan which was not received along with the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. IX(I) dated 28.02.2003 as stated therein. He was also requested to kindly ask the Indian Mission in Belarus to inquire locally and report immediately whether any documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose are available in the Archives in Belerus and Lithuania. He was further requested to kindly ask the Indian Missions in Ukraine, Turkmenistan, Armenia, and Georgia to make local inquiries and report immediately as to whether any documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and relevant to the inquiry of the Commission are available in the Archives of those countries.

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- (c) The Commission has also written on March 21, 2003 to the Director, National Museum of History of the Great Patriotic War, 1941-45, Archives of Ukraine, the Director, Central State Historical Archives of Ukraine, the Director General, Lithuanian State Archives System, the Director, Lithuanian State History Archive, the Director, Lithuanian Central State Archive, the Director, Lithuanian New State Archive, the Director, Lithuanian Special Archive, and the Director, Lithuanian Literature and Arts Archives, as also to the Chairman, Committee for Control Over Archives and Documentation, Kazakhstan (through H.E. Ambassador of India in Kazakhstan) with a request to kindly favour this Commission with their reports on whether any documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose are available in their Archives and if so, to kindly furnish the particulars of such documents to this Commission as early as possible to facilitate its inquiry. The Lithuanian New State Archives has intimated that they do not have any documents concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

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6. The reports solicited from the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/446 dated December 5, 2002 on the outcome of further inquiry pursuant to the communication dated May 8, 2001 of Shri Harish K. Jain, Consul, St. Petersburg, addressed to the Embassy of India, Moscow, a copy of which was enclosed with the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated October 31, 2002, is yet to be received.

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7. The blood samples of Shri Subrata Bose and Shri Dwaraka Nath Bose, who are sons of the elder brothers of Netaji, as also of Shri Sadhan Kar, who is a descendent from the maternal lineage of Netaji, were collected by the Commission on 04.03.2003 and on that very day, an authorised officer of the Commission went to Hyderabad and deposited them with the Centre for D.N.A. Fingerprinting and Diagonistics, Hyderabad along with seven teeth found amongst the belongings allegedly of 'Gumnami Baba' of Faizabad, for D.N.A. tests.

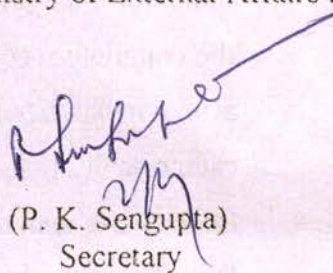
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8. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was requested by the Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/CPDC/2000/432 dated November 27, 2002 to kindly persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan the original Register of Cremation Permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for Cremation Permit allegedly filed on 18.05.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for Cremation Permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original Death Certificate allegedly issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and the original Death Certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura. A copy of the said letter along with copies of the enclosures thereto were also sent to the Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on November 27, 2002 by Registered Post. The Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India in their d.o. letter dated 11.02.2003 received by the Commission on 24.02.2003 has stated, inter alia, that the matter is under reference to the authorities concerned in Japan and that the Ministry "shall revert as soon as a response is received from the Japanese authorities". Further development in the matter is still awaited.

9. The Commission has been persistently asking the Ministry of Defence, Government of India for their affidavit on existence/non-existence/availability/non-availability, etc. of the complete records of the proceedings of the trial of the I.N.A. personnel. But no such affidavit has been filed by the Ministry of Defence as yet. They have also not stated categorically that all the files of the Ministry of Defence on INA/Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose were sent to the History Division of the Ministry of Defence; that the History Division of the Ministry of Defence transferred all those files to the National Archives of India on 26th August, 1997 and that none of the files on INA/Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is presently available with any of the Offices/Divisions/Authorities under the Ministry of Defence, Government of India. The Deputy Director, Ministry of Defence (History Division), Government of India has, however, stated in his letter No.2191/NIC/H/99 dated February 25, 2003 that all files pertaining to INA which were held by the History Division of the Ministry of Defence were transferred by them to the National Archives of India. In reply to the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Stat.Rep./Compliance/2003/87/584 dated March 6, 2003, the Deputy Director of Archives, Government of India in his d.o. letter dated March 24, 2003 received by the Commission on 31.03.2003 has stated that "there are about 15 files which relate to trial/court-martial proceedings of I.N.A. personnel" and has furnished a list of the said 15 files.
10. On being requested by the Commission, the Indian Embassy in Japan agreed on December 27, 2002 to solicit the services of an expert to re-examine the bones allegedly of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in Renkoji temple "to seek his opinion on whether any material exists from which D.N.A. test may be isolated for the purposes of a D.N.A. test." A reminder was sent to the said Indian Embassy by FAX on 11.03.2003. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/590 dated 13.03.2003 the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs was requested to take necessary action so that the Commission receives the opinion of a competent expert immediately on whether any material exists in the mortal remains allegedly of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept at the Renkoji Temple in Japan from which D.N.A. may be isolated for the purposes of D.N.A. tests, as called for by the Commission from the Embassy of India in Tokyo. Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs of the Embassy of India in Tokyo in his communication dated

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27.12.2002 (sic) sent by FAX and received by the Commission on 27.03.2003 has requested the Commission to correspond directly with the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on this matter.


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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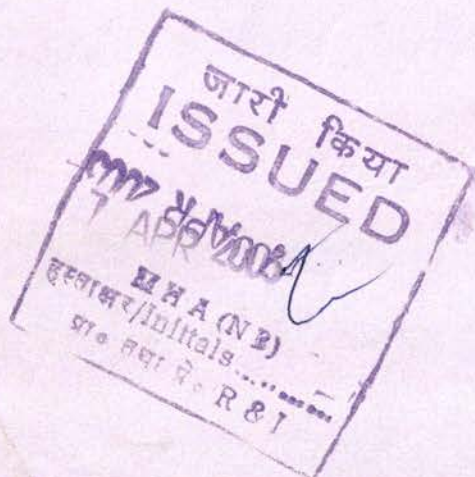
The Secretary
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Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.JMCI/25/2000/487 and JMCI/25/2000/525 dated 30.12.02 and 30.1.03 regarding copies of the reports prepared by Sh.H.K. Ray and Sh.K.P. De as mentioned in para 4 of the Affidavit of Dr.Tilak Raj Sareen and to say that factual position has already been communicated to the Commission vide this Ministry's letter of even number dt.4.2.03 that no such report is available with IB (copy enclosed).

Yours faithfully,


(U.K. KALRA)
DIRECTOR (IS-II)



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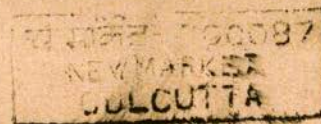
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Dated: 13th May, 2003

NOTICE FOR MEETING

Sub: DNA Testing of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji lying in Rankoji Temple, Tokyo, Japan – regarding

Shri A.K. Bhandari, Special Secretary (JSK) Ministry of Home Affairs will take a meeting at 11 A.M. on Tuesday the 20th May, 2003 in his chamber (Room No. 118), North Block, New Delhi to discuss the subject noted above.

2. Please make it convenient to attend the meeting.

To:


(U.K. KALRA.)
DIRECTOR (S)

- 1) Sh. L.C. Amarnathan, Director General (BPR&D),
Block No. 11, 4th Floor, CGO Complex, Lodhi Rd.
New Delhi
- 2) Dr. Sukumar Sarkar, Director General,
National Archives of India, Janpath, New Delhi.
T.No.3383436
- 3) Sh. Vijay Gokhale, Jt. Secy (C&V),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.
- 4) Joint Director,
I.B., New Delhi

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1. P.S to S.S.(JKA)
2. P.S to JS(S)



**Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs**

Dated: 20th May, 2003

In the meeting proposed to be held in the chamber of S.S(JKS), the following decisions is required to be taken:

- i. To ascertain the feasibility of DNA Test of the mortals remains lying in Rankoji Tamples, Japan.
- ii. To get necessary anthropological evaluation and necessary tests for taking the next step of DNA Test.
- iii. Whether Japani experts can be associated with Indian experts.
- iv. Whether Indian experts can be deputed to Japan to examine the first point referred to above.
- v. After ascertaining the feasibility of DNA Test, if the result is in positive then a decision has to be taken at high level whether DNA Test is allowed or not.

In case it is allowed then what would be the parameters? Whether blood samples obtained from two sons of the elder brother of Netaji and one of the decedents belonging to the maternal lineage of Netaji can be considered exact parameters for DNA Test. **(Expert views required)**

- vi. In case the result of feasibility of DNA Test comes in negative then there will be no objection for allowing the Commission for proceedings further in the matter of DNA Test.

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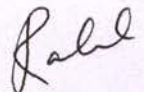
Dated: the 16th June, 2003

Dear Shri Gokhale,

Please refer to your D.O. Letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 6th February, 2003 regarding the question of conducting DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Renkoji temple, Tokyo.

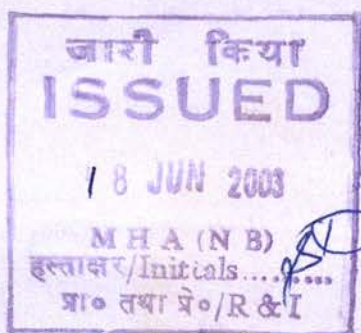
2. The matter has been considered in this Ministry and it is suggested that MEA may depute an Indian DNA expert to Japan for examination of the remains in association with the identified Japanese expert to determine whether they can be subjected to DNA test as desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. Further, necessary formalities for reopening of the casket may be observed in consultation with the Chief Priest, Reverend Mochizuki.

Yours sincerely,



(RAKESH)

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.





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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary [CNV]

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No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

June 24, 2003

Dear Shri Rakesh

Please refer to your D.O. No.1/12014/13/2000-IS-D-V (Vol. IV) dated 16th June 2003 regarding the question of conducting DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji temple, Tokyo.

2. As you are aware, the subject matter of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry concerns primarily the MHA. The role of the MEA is that of a facilitator to make arrangements for the commission to conduct enquiries abroad or search for documents abroad. Therefore, the decision as to whether the alleged remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept at the Renkoji Temple in Japan is to be subjected to DNA analysis, the manner in which it is to be done, the selection of an appropriate DNA expert and the entire process involved is a policy decision that is not within the purview of this Ministry. Once MHA have taken the decision to subject the remains to DNA testing and selected the experts, MEA could take further action in facilitating their visit to Japan in so far as liaison with the local government, the Renkoji Temple authorities, etc., are concerned.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Rakesh,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/14

April 10, 2003

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

To
The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block,
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Sub: Feasibility of the proposed DNA Test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan, for establishing real identity of the deceased.

Ref: D.O. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated March 26, 2003 addressed to the undersigned by Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the above-quoted d.o. letter dated March 26, 2003 (copy enclosed) and also the letters noted below (copies enclosed) which are self-speaking and will enable you to appreciate the backdrop of the former.

Report dated 12/18.11.2002 of Shri C. Rajsekhar, First Secretary, and Mr. T. Armstrong Changsan, Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Japan.

2. D.O. letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/23/83/443 dated 05.12.2002 addressed to Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad.
3. D.O. letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/444 dated 05.12.2002 addressed to Dr. S. E. Hasnain, Director, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics.
4. D.O. letter no. DCCMB/34 dated 10.12.2003, in reply to the Sl. No. 2 above, from Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, CCMB, Hyderabad.
5. Letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/469 dated 17.12.2002 addressed to Prof. Dr. Svanto Paabo, Director, Department of Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Inselstrasse 22, D-

04103, Leipzig, Germany.

6. Letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/468 dated 17.12.2002 addressed to Mr. T. Armstrang Changsan, Second Secretary, Embassy of India in Japan, in reference to the report dated 12/18.11.2002 of the joint inspection of the contents of the casket allegedly containing the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose made by him and Shri C. Rajsekhar (Sl. No. 1 at page 1).
7. Letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/481 dated 26.12.2002 addressed to Shri Aseem Maharajan, Second Secretary, Embassy of India in Japan.
8. Fax message dated 27.12.2002 from Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India in Japan, in reference to the Commission's letter dated 26.12.2002 sent by Fax (Sl. No. 7 at page 1).
9. Fax message dated 30.12.2002 to Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India in Japan, in reply to his Fax dated 27.12.2002 (Sl.No. 8 at page 1).
10. Letter dated 07.01.2003 from Mr. Svante Paabo, Director, Department of Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Inselstrasse 22, D-04103, Leipzig, Germany in reply to (Sl. No. 5 at page 1).
11. Letter by e-mail to Mr. Terry Milton, Mitotyping Technologies, USA.
12. Letter by e-mail to Professor Sir Alec J. Jeffreys, Department of Genetics, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester, UK.
13. Letter by e-mail dated from Mr. Terry Milton in reply to Sl. No. 11 above.
14. Reply to Sl. No. 12 above by e-mail dated 22.01.2003 from Professor Sir Alec J. Jeffreys.
15. Letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/520 dated 27.01.2003 to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.
16. Fax dated 11.03.2003 to Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India in Japan, as a reminder.
17. Letter no. EO/2002-2003/83/590 dated 13.03.2003 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.
18. Fax message from Shri Biren Nanda in reference to the Commission's Fax dated 11.03.2003 at Sl. No. 16 above)

The enclosed correspondence on the subject of the feasibility of DNA test on the alleged mortal remains kept in the Renkoji temple are more than sufficient to show the endeavours made by the Commission in this regard since the receipt of the report of the joint inspection of the contents of the casket containing the alleged mortal remains and the photographs of the contents of the casket from the Embassy of India in Japan. Unfortunately, till now there is no tangible result and time is running out fast.

In his Fax message dated 27.12.2002 (Sl. No. 8 in the list of correspondence) Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India in Japan, assured the Commission that the Embassy "shall immediately solicit the services of an expert to re-examine the bones of the deceased at the Renkoji temple to seek his opinion on whether any material exists from which DNA may be isolated for the purposes of a DNA test". Waiting in vain for a pretty long time for further communication from Shri Nanda, the Commission wrote to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, requesting him to take necessary action to expedite the matter (vide letter dated 13.03.2003 at Sl. No. 17). Ultimately, Shri Nanda sent a Fax message dated 27.03.2003 (vide Sl. No. 18) advising the Commission to "directly correspond with the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on this matter". In reply to the Commission's letter dated 13.03.2003 (vide Sl. No. 17), Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, has informed that they have referred the matter to your Ministry, which is the nodal Ministry, and that they will revert to the Commission as soon as your advice is received (vide his d.o. letter no. 24/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated 26.03.2003 a copy which is an enclosure to this letter).

In these circumstances, I am directed to request you to kindly extend all necessary help and assistance to the Commission in the matter of the proposed DNA test on the alleged mortal remains in the Renkoji temple in Japan.

The Directors of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad, and the Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics were approached by the Commission for the purpose (vide letters at Sl. Nos. 2 & 3 at page 1). In his reply dated 10.12.2002 (vide letter at Sl. No. 4 at page 1), Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, CCMB, informed that laboratory facility for the proposed DNA test "does not exist in India." As advised by him, the Commission wrote to Prof. Dr. Svante Paabo, Department of Genetics, Max Department of Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (vide letter at Sl. No. 5 at page 1). In his turn, Dr. Paabo advised the Commission to contact Mr. Terry Milton of Mitotyping Technologies, USA, and Prof. Sir Alec Jeffreys, University of Leicester, UK (vide letter at Sl. No. 10 at page 2). Copies of the letter written by Mr. Terry Milton and Prof. Sir Alec Jeffreys in pursuance of the advice of Dr. Svante Paabo are at Sl. No. 11 and 12 at page 2.

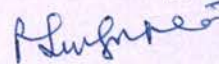
Prof. Sir Alec Jeffreys regretted his inability to assist the Commission in the matter (vide letter at Sl. No. 12 at page 2). He, however, recommended the UK Forensic Science Service in Birmingham, one of the National Forensic Science laboratories. He also named Dr. Lalji Singh, Director of the CCMB, Hyderabad, as "one obvious contact". It may be mentioned here that Prof. Sir Jeffreys was written to after contacting Dr. Lalji Singh. In the context of this letter of Prof. Sir Jeffreys the Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs was approached for help by the Commission (vide letter at Sl. N. 15 at page 2).

Only positive reply in the matter has been received from Mr. Terry Milton (vide letter at Sl. No. 13 at page no. 2), but there is a precondition stipulated by him in the paragraphs 5 and 6 of his letter received by e-mail. This is "anthropological evaluation of the remains, including photography". He has categorically written, "We would like to receive the anthropologist's report prior to proceeding".

The Commission is now in a fix as to how anthropological evaluation and other necessary scientific tests of the alleged mortal remains kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan should be done for ascertaining the feasibility of DNA test on that mortal remains. I am, therefore, directed to request you to take necessary action as early as possible to enable the Commission to get necessary anthropological evaluation and other necessary tests done for taking the next step for DNA test on the alleged mortal remains.

This matter may kindly be treated as extremely urgent.

Yours faithfully,



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Enclo : As stated

No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/14/1

April 10, 2003

Copy with a copy each of the enclosures is forwarded for information and necessary action to Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-11001.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary



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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX

Dated March 26, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

CP235
Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/590 dated 13.3.2003 regarding soliciting the services of an expert for examining the mortal remains kept at the Renkoji Temple.

I would like to inform you that we have referred the matter for advice to the Ministry of Home Affairs in their capacity of the nodal Ministry. We will revert as soon as their decision/advice is received.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
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Respected Sir,

As per your desire, we went on October 24, 2002 to the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo and opened the casket alleged to be containing the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The time was between 1530 to 1630 hours, and the casket was opened in the presence of the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple, Rev. Koshi Mochizuki and his wife.

Photographs were taken during the process, and two sets containing eight photographs each are enclosed. Their description is as follows:

Plate 1: In the foreground is the casket wrapped in cloth, with the handwritten word "NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE". Normally the casket is kept inside the shrine which can be seen in the background of the photograph. The shrine is enclosed in a glass cage.

Plate 2: This reveals the contents of the wooden casket. There were pieces of what appeared to be bone fragments, greyish in colour. In addition, a bundle of brown paper containing something can be seen.

Plate 3: Another view of the contents of the casket. Two of the flat pieces appear to be parts of the skull.

Plate 4: The brown paper bundle contained what appeared to be teeth and other bone fragments.

Plate 5: Another photo showing the contents of the brown paper bundle.

Plate 6: A photo of the contents of the casket without the brown paper bundle. The contents from below were picked up and placed on top, and the picture shows what appears to be a portion of the jaw, with recesses where teeth might have been.

Plate 7: Other contents of the box – more bone fragments.

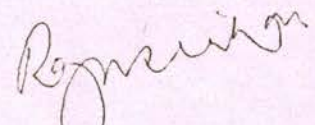
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Plate 8: (From L to R) First Secretary Mr. C. Rajasekhar, Renkoji Temple Chief Priest Rev. Koshi Mochizuki and Second Secretary Mr. T. Armstrong Changsan, standing in front of the casket and the shrine.

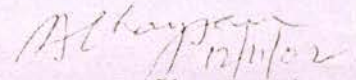
A note was also recorded and left behind at the temple that we had opened the casket on October 24, 2002.

Respectful regards.

Yours faithfully,



(C. Rajasekhar)
First Secretary



(T. Armstrong Changsan)
Second Secretary

Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee,
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D.O. No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/443

December 05, 2002

Dear Dr. Singh,

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5/12/02

I am directed to write this letter to you seeking your valued opinion on a very important point relating to DNA Fingerprinting Diagnostics. As advised by you in your d.o. letter No.DCCMB/34 dated 14 October, 2002, we have already taken up the matter of DNA tests of some specimens with Dr.Seyed E.Hasnain, Director, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics. As you are one of the pioneer scientists in the field of DNA Fingerprinting Technology in India and have been instrumental in setting up the Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, I am to seek your valued opinion on a point which is very vital for the present probe into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

One of the points of enquiry before the Commission is whether the ashes kept in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, Japan, are actually ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, who allegedly died in an alleged plane-crash at Taihoku on 18 August, 1945. As you know, the alleged disappearance of Netaji is still shrouded in mystery and this Commission has been set up to resolve the mystery.

At the request of the Commission during its recent visit to Japan, His Excellency the Indian Ambassador in Tokyo got the casket containing the alleged ashes of Netaji inspected by the First Secretary and the Second Secretary of the Indian Embassy. The Commission has received from the Indian Embassy the report of that inspection along with a few photographs of the contents of casket kept in the Renkoji Temple, Japan. A copy of the report dated 12/18 November, 2002 is sent herewith. I would request you to kindly go through this report and give your valued opinion as to whether DNA tests of mortal remains in the casket kept in the Renkoji Temple, as revealed by the said report, is possible to establish the identity of the deceased to whom the mortal remains belonged. Your valued opinion on this point will be of great help to the Commission for taking further steps in the matter in order to come to a definite conclusion as to whether the said mortal remains are of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, as alleged.

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I am to request you to kindly treat this matter as **extremely urgent** and send your views on the points **confidentially** as early as possible.

Expecting an early reply and with warm regards,

Yours sincerely,



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : As above.

To
Dr. Lalji Singh
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December 05, 2002

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Dear Dr. Hasnain,

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You are perhaps aware that one of the points for enquiry before this Commission is whether the alleged ashes kept in a casket in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo are the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, who allegedly died in an alleged plane-crash on 18 August, 1945. At the request of the Commission, during its recent visit to Japan, His Excellency the Indian Ambassador in Japan got the contents of the casket in the Renkoji Temple, Japan, inspected by the First Secretary and the Second Secretary of the Indian Embassy in Japan. The Commission has recently received the report of the casket along with a few photographs of the contents of the said casket. I am sending herewith a copy of the report dated 12/18 November, 2002.

I am to request you to kindly go through the enclosed report and give your valued opinion on the point as to whether it is possible to conduct DNA test of the mortal remains in the casket, as revealed by the report, in order to establish the identity of the deceased to whom the mortal remains belonged. If it is possible, the Commission may kindly be advised as to the nature of the specimens that may be necessary for conducting DNA tests of the said mortal remains to establish the identity of the deceased.

This matter may kindly be treated as **extremely urgent** and **confidential**. I am to request you to kindly send confidentially your valued opinion as early as possible.

Expecting an early reply and with warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : As above.

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No.DCCMB/34
December 10, 2002

Dr. P K Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
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Dear Dr. Sengupta,

Please refer to your D.O.Ltr.No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/443, dated December 05, 2002 seeking my valued opinion relating to DNA Fingerprinting in the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. I have gone through the enclosed Xerox copy of the letter describing the content of the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the casket kept at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. It appears there are small pieces which appeared to be pieces of bones. What is not clear whether these pieces are collected from the burnt debris? If these are collected from the burnt ashes then it will not be possible to isolate DNA from this. DNA would have been completely destroyed. However, if these are remains of bones (not burnt bone), then presence of DNA is expected which may be in degraded form but still usable for establishing identity. For doing this, one needs a very special facility which is used for the study of ancient DNA to ensure that there is no contamination from the laboratory while doing the test. Such laboratory facility does not exist in India. In CCMB, we are in the process of creating one for which we have recently received a grant from the Department of Biotechnology. However, it will take some time before the facility is ready. There is one laboratory in Germany. (Address and Contact Person: Prof. Dr. Svante Paabo, Director, Department of Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Inselstrasse 22, D-04103, Leipzig, Germany; Tel. No. 00-49-341-9952-301; Fax No. 00-49-341-9952-555; Email: paabo@eva.mpg.de), which is a pioneer in ancient DNA study. They have a full-fledged facility. They may be approached to undertake this study. However, before we undertake the study, we have to ensure the following:

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1. The remains of the bone pieces are not burnt
2. There is blood sample available from Netaji's relations particularly from the female descendants of his maternal side i.e. his sister or his sister's children who would have inherited mitochondrial DNA from his mother. Since mitochondrial DNA is inherited only from maternal side, these will be very good for establishing relatedness by DNA sequence comparison. If we are able to isolate DNA successfully, we could also use y-DNA comparison from his or his brother's sons and their descendants. Thus blood samples have to be made available. However, before we venture through all these, one has to ensure successful isolation of DNA from the remains of the bones. I hope you will find this information useful. I will be delighted to answer any question or extend any possible help within my capabilities to help you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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[Lalji Singh]

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D.O. No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/469

December 17, 2002

To
Prof. Dr. Svante Paabo
Director
Department of Genetics
Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology
Inselstrasse 22, D-04103
Lieipzig, Germany.

Sir,

This Commission has been set up by the Government of India for inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Though some people claim that he died in an alleged plane crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945, still his alleged disappearance is shrouded in mystery. After his alleged death he was allegedly cremated in a crematorium at Taihoku and his alleged ashes were preserved in the Renkoji Temple in Japan. The points of inquiry before the Commission include, inter-alia, the following:-

- 1) Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose died in the alleged plane crash ;
- 2) Whether the alleged ashes kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan are the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose ;

For a thorough and scientific probe into the aforesaid two points of inquiry the Commission wants to know the feasibility of DNA test of the alleged ashes kept in the Renkoji Temple. A recent inspection of the casket allegedly containing the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has revealed that the casket kept in the Temple appears to contain: -

- a) Some pieces of bone fragments, greenish in colour;
- b) Two flat pieces appearing to be parts of the skull;
- c) A brown paper bundle containing what appears to be teeth and other bone fragments ;
- d) A thing what appears to be a portion of the jaw with recesses where teeth might have been;
- e) More bone fragments;

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The Commission now wants to know whether it is feasible to conduct DNA test of the aforesaid mortal remains in order to find out the identity of the deceased. You have been referred to the Commission by Dr.Lalji Singh, Director of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, India. I am enclosing a copy of the letter of Dr. Lalji Singh which will speak for itself.

I am to request you to kindly let the Commission know about the feasibility of DNA test of the aforesaid mortal remains for establishing the identity of the deceased. If it is feasible, the Commission may kindly be informed of the procedure to be followed, steps to be taken and the costs of the DNA test payable by the Commission.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/468

December 17, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

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To
Mr. T. Armstrong Changsan
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Japan

Reg: The Joint Inspection Report dt: 12/18 November, 2002 of you and Shri Raj Sekhar, the then First Secretary in the Embassy of India in Japan, regarding the contents of the casket alleged to be containing the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji Temple, Japan.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to request you to kindly refer to the above-quoted report dt: 12/18 November, 2002 and the photographs sent along with that report.

A copy of your above-quoted report was sent to the Director of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, India, with the request to let the Commission know whether DNA test could be conducted on the bones, which the casket in Renkoji Temple appeared to contain during your joint inspection, in order to ascertain the identity of the deceased to whom the bones belonged. In reply to that letter of the Commission, Dr Lalji Singh, Director, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, India, has informed that, if these bones were collected from the burnt ashes, then it would not be possible to isolate DNA from the bones for the purpose of conducting the DNA test. The relevant portion of the letter of Dr. Lalji Singh is reproduced below:-

"What is not clear whether these pieces are collected from the burnt debris? If these are collected from the burnt ashes then it will not be possible to isolate DNA from

this. DNA would have been completely destroyed. However, if these are remains of bones (not burnt bone), then presence of DNA is expected which may be in degraded form but still usable for establishing identity.”

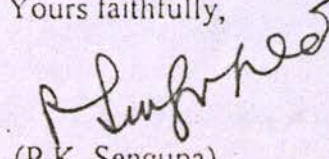
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In this perspective, I am to request you to kindly let the Commission know whether the bones which you had seen and got photographed during the joint inspection of the casket in the Renkoji Temple, Japan, by you and Shri Raj Sekhar are remains of burnt bones or pieces of unburnt bones.

Your reply on this point is urgently necessary for proceeding further in the matter. This may therefore be kindly treated as **extremely urgent**.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



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No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/481

December 26, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
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To
Shri Aseem R. Mahajan,
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Reg: The Joint Inspection of the contents of the Casket alleged to be containing the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji temple, Japan.

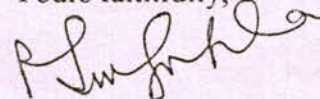
Ref : D.O. letter No. TOK/102/03/2001 dated December 19, 2002 of Shri Aseem R. Mahajan, Second Secretary of the Embassy of India in Tokyo addressed to the Secretary of the Commission in reply to my letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/468 dated 17.12.2002.

Sir,

Inviting your notice to the above, I am directed to request you to kindly send the report asked for in my above-quoted letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/468 dated 17.12.2002 after getting the contents of the Casket, alleged to be containing the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, in the Renkoji temple, Japan, examined afresh preferably by or in collaboration with a competent expert, since the required report is likely to be the basis for deciding whether or not the Government of India should be approached for bringing those ashes (mortal remains) to India for subjecting them to DNA test. For ready reference, a copy of my letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/468 dated 17.12.2002 is enclosed.

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Yours faithfully,



(P.K. Sengupta)
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Reference your fax of December 26, 2002. As conveyed to the Hon'ble Commission by Second Secretary Aseem Mahajan in response to your fax of December 26, 2002, both Second Secretary Armstrong and First Secretary Rajas have departed for postings in the Embassies of India in Lagos, Nigeria and the Port of Spain in Guyana respectively.

The Embassy shall immediately solicit the services of an expert to re-examine the bones of the deceased at the Renkoji Temple to seek his opinion on whether any material exists from which DNA may be isolated for the purposes of a DNA test.

This process however may take some time and would involve certain expenditure. We shall be reverting to the Hon'ble Commission for permission to make the necessary expenditure after making local enquiries.

With kind regards.

(Biren Nanda)

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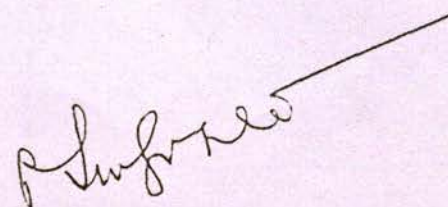
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Thanks for your fax message dated December 27, 2002 in reply to my fax of December 17, 2002 regarding examination of the mortal remains kept at the Renkoji Temple in Japan with the help of a competent expert to ascertain whether DNA may be isolated from the said mortal remains for the purposes of DNA test. I am to say that your prompt reply tends to show that you have fully appreciated the importance and urgency of the matter.

I am, therefore, to request you to kindly expedite the re-examination of the said mortal remains and send the report of the re-examination to the Commission as early as possible.

Warm regards,



(P.K.Sengupta)

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Dear Mr. Sengupta,

Thank you for your letter. The chance to retrieve usable DNA from burnt bones depends to a large extent on how thoroughly the bones were burnt and at what temperature. Also, the success of a project like this would of course depend on having reliable reference samples from the person him- or herself or from close relatives. Overall, my guess would be that the chances of success are quite limited.

We ourselves are not in a position to perform service work. There is a number of companies in the United States that perform such work. I know that one of these companies with which Professor Mark Stoneking who now works with us here was previously associated is: Mitotyping Technologies. The e-mail address of the contact person Terry Melton is tmelton@mitotyping.com, and their website is www.mitotyping.com.

This company, or another one, would be my first advice to you. Another alternative would be to try to contact for example Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys at the University of Leicester Institute of Genetics who has performed identification work of important personalities in the past. However, I do not know if he is in a position to take on this case.

I hope this is of some help to you.

Sincerely yours,

Svante Pääbo, Ph.D., Drs. *h.c.*
Professor of Genetics and Evolutionary Biology
Director, MPI-EVA

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Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 5:25 PM
Subject: DNA tests on Mortal remains

To

Mr. Terry Milton,

Mitotyping Technologies,

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Dear Sir,

This Commission has been set up by the Government of India for inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Through some people claim that he died in an alleged plane crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945, still his alleged disappearance is shrouded in mystery. After his alleged death he was allegedly cremated in a crematorium at Taihoku and his alleged ashes were preserved in the Renkoji Temple in Japan. The points of inquiry before then Commission include, inter-alia, the following :-

1. Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose died in the alleged plane crash,
2. Whether the alleged ashes kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;

A recent inspection of the casket allegedly containing the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has revealed that the casket, which is lying in the Renkoji Temple in Japan, appears to contain;

- a. Some pieces of bone fragments greenish in colour;
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- e. More bone fragments;

For a through and scientific probe into the points of inquiry, the Commission wants to get DNA tests done on the mortal remains in the casket kept in the Renkoji Temple in order to establish the identity of the deceased to whom the mortal remains belonged. Now the question is whether DNA tests can be conducted on the said mortal remains for the purpose indicated above if blood samples are made available from both paternal and maternal lineages of Subhas Chandra Bose. In other words, the Commission wants to know about the feasibility of DNA tests on the mortal remains for the purpose

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establishing the identity of deceased. Dr. Svante Paabo of the Max-Planck-Institut für evolutionäre Anthropologie of Leipzig, Germany, was approached by the Commission with a request to let the Commission know whether it was feasible to conduct DNA tests on the mortal remains in the casket in the Renkoji Temple for establishing the identity of the deceased. He referred us to you and furnished us with your email address.

I am, therefore, to request you to kindly let the Commission know whether it is feasible to conduct DNA test on the aforesaid mortal remains for establishing the identity of the deceased, assuming that blood samples from his relatives both on the paternal side and the maternal side will be available.

If it is feasible, the Commission may be informed of the procedure to be followed, steps to be taken and the costs of the DNA tests payable by the Commission.

An early reply will be highly appreciated,

With regards,

Sincerely yours,

P. K. Sengupta,

Secretary,

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, 11A Mirza Galib Street, 3rd Floor, Kolkata-700087, Tel-Fax no. 91-33-2252-2765

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To: JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2003 3:21 PM
Subject: Re: DNA tests on Mortal remains

Dear Mr Sengupta

thank you for your enquiry concerning the very important case of Chandra Bose. I am afraid that I cannot be of assistance in this matter - my laboratory has not been involved directly in forensic DNA analysis for 10 years and we are neither equipped nor accredited for this type of investigation. Instead, I would strongly recommend that you contact one of the national forensic service laboratories, for example the UK Forensic Science Service in Birmingham, who are fully tooled up to perform the complex analysis required in this case. It might also be worth exploring options in India - one obvious contact would be Dr Lalji Singh, director of the CCMT in Hyderabad.

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Please accept my sincere apologies for not being able to be of assistance.

Regards

Alec Jeffreys

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To: <ajj@leicester.ac.uk>
Cc: <paabo@eva.mpg.de>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2003 2:51 PM
Subject: DNA tests on Mortal remains

To

Professor Sir Alec J. Jeffreys

Department of Genetics,

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University Road, Leicester LE1 7RH,

United Kingdom

Sir,

This Commission has been set up by the Government of India for inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Though some people claim that he died in an alleged plane crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945, still his alleged disappearance is shrouded in mystery. After his alleged death he was allegedly cremated in a crematorium at Taihoku and his alleged ashes were preserved in the Renkoji Temple in Japan. The points of inquiry before this Commission include, inter-alia, the following :-

1. Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose died in the alleged plane crash,
2. Whether the alleged ashes kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;

A recent inspection of the casket allegedly containing the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has revealed that the casket, which is lying in the Renkoji Temple in Japan, appears to contain;

- a. Some pieces of bone fragments greenish in colour;
- b. Two flat pieces appearing to be parts of the skull;
- c. A brown paper bundle containing what appears to be teeth and other bone fragments;
- d. A thing what appears to be a portion of the jaw with recesses where teeth might have been;
- e. More bone fragments;

For a thorough and scientific probe into the points of inquiry, the Commission wants to get DNA tests done on the mortal remains in the casket kept in the Renkoji Temple in order to establish the identity

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From: Terry Melton <twm107@mitotyping.com>
To: JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 7:44 PM
Subject: Re: DNA tests on Mortal remains



Dear Mr. Sengupta,

We would be pleased to attempt mitochondrial DNA analysis of the remains to which you refer. This test would make a comparison between the skeletal fragments and the maternal lineage of the individual in question.

Our experience is that cremated remains are very unlikely to give a DNA profile. Having said that, we agree to test them if recognizable teeth or other anatomically identifiable parts remain. The analysis, besides being a standard forensic mitochondrial DNA test, includes an attempt to recover degraded DNA if that is necessary.

The cost for the test is \$2,500 USD per sample. If no DNA is recovered, we reduce the fee to \$1,000 per sample. It would be advisable for you to decide how many attempts you would like to make, for example, how many times you want us to try (how many samples) before stopping. We don't generally make more than two or three attempts in any case.

If the test successfully recovers DNA, we would need a reference sample (blood or cheek swab) from a maternally related individual for comparison. This sample would cost \$1,500 USD.

We recommend a thorough anthropological evaluation of the remains, including photography. The examiners of the remains should refrain from excessive handling of the remains, and should wear sterile and frequently-changed gloves during the evaluation. If the remains are at all moist, they should be stored in the freezer prior to DNA analysis.

We would like to receive the anthropologist's report prior to proceeding. From this report, we will suggest the remains to be tested in our lab.

Please let me know if you have other questions.

Terry Melton

At 05:25 PM 1/21/2003 +0530, you wrote:

To

Mr. Terry Milton,

Mitotyping Technologies,

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From: Alec Jeffreys <ajj@leicester.ac.uk>
To: JMCI <jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2003 3:21 PM
Subject: Re: DNA tests on Mortal remains

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No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83/520.

Kolkata, dated, 27.01.2003.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the communication dated January 22, 2003 made by the Commission with Prof. Sir Alec Jeffreys, Department of Genetics, University of Leicester, UK and his reply dated January 22, 2003 thereto, both sent by e.Mail and to request you to kindly obtain names, addresses, e.Mail addresses, Fax Nos. etc. of the National Forensic Service Laboratories in UK through the Indian High Commission in UK and send those to the Commission immediately.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : Asx stated above.

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MOST IMMEDIATE TELEFAX

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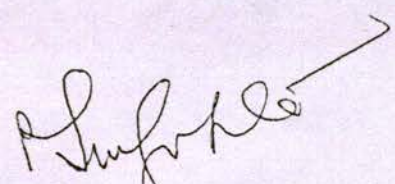
To	Embassy of India in Japan	Fax No.	81-3-3234-4866
For	Shri Biren Nanda, Charg d' Affaires	From	P K Sengupta, Secretary
Rptd		Date	11.03.2003
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**SUB : OPINION AS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF DNA TESTS ON
THE MORTAL REMAINS KEPT IN RENKOJI
TEMPLE, JAPAN**

Kindly refer to your fax of December 26, 2002 on the aforesaid subject.
No further communication in this regard has yet been received from your end.

I am to request you to kindly refer to the last and the penultimate paras of
your above-quoted fax dated December 26, 2002 and send the report, as asked for
by the Commission, as early as possible in order to enable the Commission to
take further necessary action in the matter.

With warm regards,


(P.K.Sengupta)

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No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/590.

Kolkata, dated, 13th March '03.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
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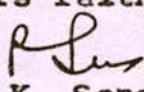
S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the FAX message dated December 27, 2002 received from Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs Embassy of India in Japan, which speaks for itself, and to request you to kindly appreciate the importance and urgency of the matter and take necessary action so that the Commission receives the opinion of a competent expert immediately on whether any material exists in the mortal remains allegedly of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept at the Renkoji temple in Japan from which D.N.A. may be isolated for the purposes of D.N.A. tests, as called for by the Commission from the Embassy of India in Tokyo.

This may kindly be treated as urgent.

Enclosure: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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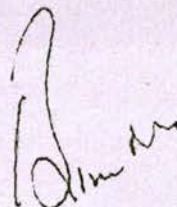
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Rptd	1. Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary(CNV) 2. Shri Nalin Surie, Additional Secretary(EA)	Date	December 27, 2002
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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry

This refers to your fax of March 11, 2003 directing the Embassy to take further action as early as possible on the subject of DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains of the departed leader, Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

We would be grateful if the Hon'ble Commission could directly correspond with the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on this matter. The concerned official is Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi, with whom the Hon'ble Commission has corresponded earlier.

With kind regards.


(Biren Nanda)

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D.O.No.I/12014/13/2000-*ncb*

Dated 14.7.03

Dear

Please refer to your D.O No.25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated 24.6.03 regarding the selection of appropriate DNA expert for conducting DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji temple, Tokyo.

2. In this context, it may be pointed out that the appointment of experts for the purpose of DNA test is to be done by the Justice Mukherjee Commission. The Commission had requested the Embassy of India, Tokyo to provide certain information in this regard and the Indian Ambassador had written to the Ministry of External Affairs vide his D.O. letter No.TOK/102/02/03 dated 28.1.03. Vide your D.O. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol. IX dt. 6.2.03, you had requested us to furnish the advice of the Ministry of Home Affairs so that the Indian Ambassador in Tokyo could be advised accordingly. Vide your D.O. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol. IX dated 26.3.03, you had informed the Commission that the Commission would be informed as soon as the advice of MHA is available.

3. Since the selection of experts for DNA test is to be done by the Commission, it will be appropriate if a suitable reply is sent to the Commission by the MEA/Indian Embassy, Tokyo. Our advice in the matter has already been furnished vide our letter dt.16.6.03. Based on the decision of the Commission regarding DNA experts further action can be taken.

Please secure
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Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary(CNV), *MEA*,
South Block,
New Delhi.



Yours sincerely,

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(RAKESH)

Copy to: Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, 'B' Block, (Third Floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata 700087.

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BY SPEED POST

No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/172

July 23, 2003

From : **Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.)**
Secretary.

To
Sri L. C. Goyale,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India, North Block
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Feasibility of the proposed DNA test of the alleged mortal remains of
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan for
establishing the real identity of the deceased.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/14 dated 10.4.03 on the aforesaid subject (copy enclosed) and the DO letter no. 25/4 NGO-Vol .IX dt. 26.3.03 addressed to the undersigned from Sri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, a copy of which was sent as an enclosure to the above-quoted letter dt. 10.4.03.

Though it was expressly stated in the letter dated 10.4.03 that the matter was very urgent, till now no reply to that letter has yet been received from your end. As a consequence, there has been no progress in the matter which has, in turn, adversely affected the progress of the inquiry. I am directed to say that the question of feasibility of the DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple is of prime importance and this question has to be resolved without any further delay for bringing about a meaningful result of this inquiry. Further course of action of this Commission depends largely upon solution of this question.

Meanwhile, Mr. Kalra, Director of your Ministry, along with Mr. Zuha, Desk Officer of your Ministry, came to the office of the Commission in Kolkata to sort out some long pending matters. The question of feasibility of the DNA test was also discussed with them and Mr. Kalra proposed a meeting of a representative of the Commission with the competent officers of your Ministry, the Ministry of External Affairs and other concerned

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Ministries/Departments in Delhi to find out ways and means for holding necessary scientific test for ascertaining the feasibility of DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple. Mr. Kalra told the Commission that after his return to New Delhi confirmation about the meeting would be sent by fax. Till now, no such confirmation has been received. Therefore, I have been directed to ask you to look into the matter with utmost dispatch and all the seriousness it deserves to enable the Commission to perform its job effectively and expeditiously. A copy of the Commission's letter dated 10.04.2003 is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary.

Encl : As stated.

No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/172/1

July 23, 2003

Copy forwarded to Sri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi-110001 for information and necessary action. A copy of the Commission's letter dated 10.04.2003 is enclosed.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary.

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No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/14

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
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To
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New Delhi-110001

2 April 10, 2003

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Sub: Feasibility of the proposed DNA Test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan, for establishing real identity of the deceased.

Ref: D.O. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.IX dated March 26, 2003 addressed to the undersigned by Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.

Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to the above-quoted d.o. letter dated March 26, 2003 (copy enclosed) and also the letters noted below (copies enclosed) which are self-speaking and will enable you to appreciate the backdrop of the former.

- (1. Report dated 12/18.11.2002 of Shri C. Rajsekhar, First Secretary, and Mr. T. Armstrong Changsan, Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Japan.
2. D.O. letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/23/83/443 dated 05.12.2002 addressed to Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad.
3. D.O. letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/444 dated 05.12.2002 addressed to Dr. S. E. Hasnain, Director, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics.
4. D.O. letter no. DCCMB/34 dated 10.12.2003, in reply to the Sl. No. 2 above, from Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, CCMB, Hyderabad.
5. Letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/469 dated 17.12.2002 addressed to Prof. Dr. Svanto Paabo, Director, Department of Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Inselstrasse 22, D-

04103, Leipzig, Germany.

6. Letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/468 dated 17.12.2002 addressed to Mr. T. Armstrang Changsan, Second Secretary, Embassy of India in Japan, in reference to the report dated 12/18.11.2002 of the joint inspection of the contents of the casket allegedly containing the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose made by him and Shri C. Rajsekhar (Sl. No. 1 at page 1).
7. Letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/481 dated 26.12.2002 addressed to Shri Aseem Maharajan, Second Secretary, Embassy of India in Japan.
8. Fax message dated 27.12.2002 from Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India in Japan, in reference to the Commission's letter dated 26.12.2002 sent by Fax (Sl. No. 7 at page 1).
9. Fax message dated 30.12.2002 to Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India in Japan, in reply to his Fax dated 27.12.2002 (Sl.No. 8 at page 1).
10. Letter dated 07.01.2003 from Mr. Svante Paabo, Director, Department of Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Inselstrasse 22, D-04103, Leipzig, Germany in reply to (Sl. No. 5 at page 1).
11. Letter by e-mail to Mr. Terry Milton, Mitotyping Technologies, USA.
12. Letter by e-mail to Professor Sir Alec J. Jeffreys, Department of Genetics, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester, UK.
13. Letter by e-mail dated from Mr. Terry Milton in reply to Sl. No. 11 above.
14. Reply to Sl. No. 12 above by e-mail dated 22.01.2003 from Professor Sir Alec J. Jeffreys.
15. Letter no. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/520 dated 27.01.2003 to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.
16. Fax dated 11.03.2003 to Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India in Japan, as a reminder.
17. Letter no. EO/2002-2003/83/590 dated 13.03.2003 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.
18. Fax message from Shri Biren Nanda in reference to the Commission's Fax dated 11.03.2003 at Sl. No. 16 above)

The enclosed correspondence on the subject of the feasibility of DNA test on the alleged mortal remains kept in the Renkoji temple are more than sufficient to show the endeavours made by the Commission in this regard since the receipt of the report of the joint inspection of the contents of the casket containing the alleged mortal remains and the photographs of the contents of the casket from the Embassy of India in Japan. Unfortunately, till now there is no tangible result and time is running out fast.

In his Fax message dated 27.12.2002 (Sl. No. 8 in the list of correspondence) Shri Biren Nanda, Charge d' Affairs, Embassy of India in Japan, assured the Commission that the Embassy "shall immediately solicit the services of an expert to re-examine the bones of the deceased at the Renkoji temple to seek his opinion on whether any material exists from which DNA may be isolated for the purposes of a DNA test". Waiting in vain for a pretty long time for further communication from Shri Nanda, the Commission wrote to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, requesting him to take necessary action to expedite the matter (vide letter dated 13.03.2003 at Sl. No. 17). Ultimately, Shri Nanda sent a Fax message dated 27.03.2003 (vide Sl. No. 18) advising the Commission to "directly correspond with the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on this matter". In reply to the Commission's letter dated 13.03.2003 (vide Sl. No. 17), Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, has informed that they have referred the matter to your Ministry, which is the nodal Ministry, and that they will revert to the Commission as soon as your advice is received (vide his d.o. letter no. 24/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated 26.03.2003 a copy which is an enclosure to this letter).

In these circumstances, I am directed to request you to kindly extend all necessary help and assistance to the Commission in the matter of the proposed DNA test on the alleged mortal remains in the Renkoji temple in Japan.

The Directors of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad, and the Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics were approached by the Commission for the purpose (vide letters at Sl. Nos. 2 & 3 at page 1). In his reply dated 10.12.2002 (vide letter at Sl. No. 4 at page 1), Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, CCMB, informed that laboratory facility for the proposed DNA test "does not exist in India." As advised by him, the Commission wrote to Prof. Dr. Svante Paabo, Department of Genetics, Max Department of Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology (vide letter at Sl. No. 5 at page 1). In his turn, Dr. Paabo advised the Commission to contact Mr. Tery Milton of Mitotyping Technologies, USA, and Prof. Sir Alec Jeffreys, University of Leicester, UK (vide letter at Sl. No. 10 at page 2). Copies of the letter written Mr. Terry Milton and Prof. Sir Alec Jeffreys in pursuance of the advice of Dr. Svante Paabo are at Sl. No. 11 and 12 at page 2.

Prof. Sir Alec Jeffreys regretted his inability to assist the Commission in the matter (vide letter at Sl. No. 12 at page 2). He, however, recommended the UK Forensic Science Service in Birmingham, one of the National Forensic Science laboratories. He also named Dr. Lalji Singh, Director of the CCMB, Hyderabad, as "one obvious contact". It may be mentioned here that Prof. Sir Jeffreys was written to after contacting Dr. Lalji Singh. In the context of this letter of Prof. Sir Jeffreys the Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs was approached for help by the Commission (vide letter at Sl. N. 15 at page2).


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Only positive reply in the matter has been received from Mr. Terry Milton (vide letter at Sl. No. 13 at page no. 2), but there is a precondition stipulated by him in the paragraphs 5 and 6 of his letter received by e-mail. This is "anthropological evaluation of the remains, including photography". He has categorically written, "We would like to receive the anthropologist's report prior to proceeding".

The Commission is now in a fix as to how anthropological evaluation and other necessary scientific tests of the alleged mortal remains kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan should be done for ascertaining the feasibility of DNA test on that mortal remains. I am, therefore, directed to request you to take necessary action as early as possible to enable the Commission to get necessary anthropological evaluation and other necessary tests done for taking the next step for DNA test on the alleged mortal remains.

This matter may kindly be treated as extremely urgent.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupa)
Secretary

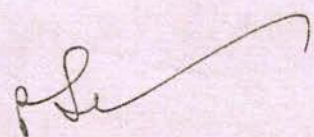
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No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/14/1

729/11/103
April 10, 2003

Copy with a copy each of the enclosures is forwarded for information and necessary action to Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, South Block, New Delhi-11001.


(P.K. Sengupa)
Secretary

JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY **- AN UPDATE**

In compliance of the directions of the Kolkata High Court order dated 30.4.98 and resolution passed by the West Bengal Assembly demanding a fresh inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, the Government of India appointed a one man Commission of Inquiry headed by Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee, a retired judge of Supreme Court of India, on 14.5.99.

2. The Commission has been asked to inquire into all the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji in 1945 and connected developments including

- a. whether Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- b. if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash as alleged;
- c. whether the ashes in the Japanese Temple are ashes of Netaji;
- d. whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and if so, when and how;
- e. if he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

The Commission shall also examine the manner in which the exercise of scrutiny of publications touching upon the question of death or otherwise of Netaji can be undertaken by the Central Government in the circumstances.

TERM OF THE COMMISSION

3. The Commission was initially given six months' time upto 14.11.99 to submit its report. However, anticipating that the time allotted to it was inadequate, the Secretary to the Commission requested the Ministry to extend the term suitably. After examination of request, the tenure of the Commission was extended by another six months upto 14.5.2000. Subsequently, the Commission approached this Ministry for further extension of the term of the Commission from time to time, which is at present extended to 14.11.2003.

HEARINGS OF THE COMMISSION

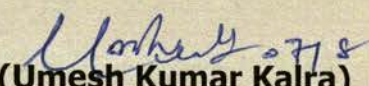
4. The Commission started public hearings with effect from 23.3.2000 and has so far held 107 hearings. The number of affidavits filed by the deponents is 63. The number of affidavits

filed by the State deponents and Central Government, is 9. The number of deponents including joint applicants are 85. The number of exhibits submitted to the Commission is so far, 200.

5. The Commission visited U.K. during May, 2001 for ten consecutive working days, to study there the declassified records pertaining to Netaji at the British Library and to examine certain persons as witness.

6. The Commission also visited Japan during September, 2002 for examination of the only witness available at Miyazaki, Japan. During this visit, the Commission requested Embassy of India in Japan, to ascertain the feasibility of DNA ^{test} of the mortal remains alleged to be that of Netaji, kept at Renkoji Temple. Also, the Commission, in this direction, after corresponding with different Institutions the world over, was advised by one Shri Terry Milton of Mitotyping Technologies of USA to go in for 'anthropological evaluation' of the remains prior to DNA analysis. ⁷⁻⁰ Subsequently, ^{Write to} the Commission took up the matter with MHA on 10.4.03 for necessary action to enable it to get necessary 'anthropological evaluation' and other necessary tests done on the mortal remains alleged to be that of Netaji. MHA, however, while endorsing a copy to the Mukherjee Commission, wrote to MEA ^{and to the Commission} on 16.7.03 that the selection of experts for DNA test was to be done by the Commission only and MEA was requested to send a suitable reply to the Commission in this regard. The Commission has, however, again written to MHA on 23.7.03 for necessary action.

7. The selection of the experts for 'anthropological evaluation' and other tests, is to be done by the Commission only. The Commission is also in constant touch with the experts for this purpose both within the country and abroad. However, no final decision has been taken so far by the Commission as to how the DNA test of the mortal remains would be undertaken.


(Umesh Kumar Kalra)
Director (Security)

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NETAJI RESEARCH BUREAU

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7th August, 2003

Shri L.K. Advani
Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of India

Dear Advani-ji,

Thank you for meeting me today. I shall be grateful if you would take necessary steps to ensure that proper respect is shown to the memory of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

The Mukherjee Commission instituted by the Home Ministry has been unfortunately turned by a small fringe group of persons into a venue at which Netaji has been demeaned and dishonoured for the last four years. Preposterous claims have been and continue to be made about Netaji by cranks and opportunists before this Commission which is expending time, energy and public money following up even the most absurd fabrications.

Any serious enquiry would have focused at the very outset on the most pertinent evidence relating to the tragic air crash on 18th August 1945. Recently, the Commission appears to have shown interest in the possibility of a DNA test of the mortal remains of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. But this Commission has compromised its credibility by conducting DNA testing of some articles associated with one Gumnami Baba of Faizabad for which it wanted me to donate blood. I refused, because to lend credence to the wholly ridiculous claim that this or another Baba was Netaji amounted to a gross insult to the great leader of our independence movement. This Commission seems unwilling to draw any distinction between historical events that have at least a very high probability of having occurred and utterly fanciful claims that have zero possibility of having any iota of truth in them.

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I was surprised to see recent news reports that the Commission has accused the Home Ministry and Foreign Ministry of the Government of India of delaying the process of conducting a DNA test of Netaji's mortal remains. If anything, the Commission itself has been responsible for a three to four-year delay in concentrating on the evidence relating to the August 1945 air crash and the mortal remains of Netaji taken to Tokyo in September 1945. Even though I do not believe a DNA test of Netaji's mortal remains to be strictly necessary, I have made it clear to the Commission in writing that I would be willing to be of assistance if such a test were deemed to be necessary and proved to be possible to undertake.

However, I should let you know that when I visited Tokyo in January last, I found the priest of the Renkoji Temple, Rev. Mochizuki, was deeply upset because two junior

Shri Sugata Bose is
Netaji's nephew. He
met me today and
gave these papers to
me.

Pl. examine these and
advise as to what needs
to be done by MHA.

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officials of our Embassy arrived one day late last year and forced him to open the urn containing the mortal remains of Netaji to take photographs. They said this was being done on the orders of the Mukherjee Commission without explaining anything about the possibility of a DNA test. This seemed to the Japanese to be sacrilege. The urn had been opened only twice in the past by the current priest's father after conducting necessary prayers and rituals – once for Jawaharlal Nehru in the 1950s and once for my late father Dr Sisir Kumar Bose in 1965. Upon the matter being brought to his attention following my visit, our Ambassador wrote a very nice letter of apology to Rev Mochizuki and gave an assurance that he would be present in person if the matter were to be taken any further.

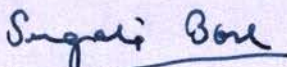
I am writing to urge you to take three important steps if this question of a DNA test is explored further.

1. Since these are in all probability the cremated mortal remains of one of the greatest sons of India, please ensure that any test is done with the deepest reverence and respect. In particular, high representatives of the Government of India should be personally present if the urn is to be opened again.
2. Any DNA test must be conducted by a top DNA expert or experts in the world. The highest functionaries of the Government of India should be involved in finding these experts. The matter cannot be left to the Mukherjee Commission which by its own admission seems clueless about the nature of this test.
3. Proper sensitivity should be shown to Japanese sentiments. The Japanese have cared for the mortal remains of our leader for 58 years while we Indians have failed to do our duty.

I am enclosing copies of two letters I wrote to the Commission dated 2nd February, 2001, and 21st October, 2002, in reply to communications received from it. These will give you the necessary background information. As I said in my first letter, I believe the time has come for the Indian people to come to terms with the mortal end of a deathless hero. Given the proper leadership, I am convinced our people will prove mature enough to put the fact of Netaji's corporeal death on 18th August, 1945, behind them and continue to learn and seek inspiration from his glorious book of life. I hope you will as Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister take personal interest in this matter.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Sugata Bose

Gardiner Professor of History, Harvard University &
Director, Netaji Research Bureau

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October 21, 2002

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India

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This has reference to your letter to me dated October 4, 2002, which has been forwarded to me here from Kolkata.

To suggest that 'one Gumnami Baba' was 'none other than Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose' is a gross insult to the memory of the great leader of our independence movement. I am sorry to see that 'some persons' are using the Commission as a venue in their attempts to dishonour and demean Netaji in this manner. If the Commission feels that it must expend its time, energy and public money following up even the most preposterous claims made by cranks or opportunists, I regret that I cannot be of any help to it. If, on the other hand, the Commission were to pursue a serious and credible line of investigation, I shall be happy to be of assistance in my professional capacity.

I have already fully stated my views on this matter in my letter to Justice Mukherjee dated February 2, 2001, in response to a letter from you.

Sincerely,

Sugata Bose
Gardiner Professor of History

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2nd February 2001

The Hon'ble Justice Manoj Mukherjee
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
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Calcutta 700087

Dear Justice Mukherjee,

I am writing with reference to the letter dated 19th January, 2001, sent by Mr P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, and a continuation of that letter dated 22nd January, 2001, sent by Mr M. Roy, O.S.D., requesting certain information from me based on a Times of India report on 15th January, 2001.

The Times of India report: I should like to state at the outset that I did not agree to give any interview to the Times of India on the subject of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The Times of India reporter had requested to see me in connection with my new appointment as the Gardiner Professor of History at Harvard University. I was, therefore, astonished to see the front page story and headline in the newspaper next morning. The words attributed to me within quotation marks are not the ones I spoke. In particular, I am not in the habit of speaking as 'a member of the Bose family', having always respected Netaji's view that his family and country were co-terminous. I spoke about history in my individual, professional capacity which obviously did not interest the reporter. Nor did he seem to care about the work I have done with my Father Dr Sisir Kumar Bose in editing Netaji's Collected Works or the documentary films I have made on Netaji. I hope the Commission will disregard his sensational and less than accurate report.

My Belief: I am, however, prepared to affirm my belief formed on the basis of historical evidence I have seen, read and heard that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was last seen on 18th August 1945. There is strong evidence that he was tragically killed in the aircrash in Taipei on that day while attempting to continue his heroic fight for freedom at the end of the Second World War. There is absolutely no evidence to support fanciful stories that he was spotted in a variety of places subsequent to that day.

The Circumstances of the Air Crash: After the surrender of Japan on 15th August 1945 Netaji left Singapore for Bangkok by aeroplane with several of his associates. There was some discussion in Bangkok on 16th August 1945 that he should go into hiding in Thailand. However, Netaji left for Saigon on the morning of 17th August 1945. He left Saigon with Col Habibur Rahman of the I.N.A. on the afternoon of the 17th in a Type 97-2 (modified) bomber and halted at Touraine for the night. He left Touraine at 5 a.m. on 18th August 1945 and arrived in Taipei early in the afternoon. After an approximate two-hour halt for refuelling and rechecking of engines the plane prepared to depart for Dairen in Manchuria. Netaji had apparently decided to

contact the Soviets who had advanced against the Japanese in Manchuria after entering the war in Asia on 9th August 1945. The plane crashed on takeoff at Taipei airport. Netaji was badly injured and died later that night in a nearby hospital. Others killed included General Shidei, two pilots and two other crew members. Habibur Rahman suffered burns but survived. There were six other Japanese survivors. Netaji was cremated in Taipei on 20th August and his mortal remains were taken to Tokyo by Habibur Rahman, Tatsuo Hayashida and others on 5th September 1945. Netaji's remains are still kept in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

The Most Pertinent Documentary Evidence:

I list below the most pertinent documentary evidence in this regard:

1. Evidence of Colonel Habibur Rahman, Netaji's trusted aide and only Indian companion on the plane that crashed, available in *Netaji Inquiry Committee Report* (Government of India, 1956). Rahman remained consistent in his testimony from 1945 until his death many decades later. His description of Netaji's death in the aircrash narrated within weeks of the event is available in S.A. Ayer, *Unto Him A Witness* (Bombay: Thacker, 1951), pp. 112-113. See also Tatsuo Hayashida, *Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose* (Bombay: Allied, 1970). There are many details in Habibur Rahman's testimony which have the ring of truth. For example, Netaji called for Abid Hassan, his companion on the submarine journey from Europe to Asia in 1943, to which Rahman replied: '*Hassan yahan nahin hai, Sab, main hun, Habib.*' (Ayer, *Unto Him A Witness*, p. 114)

The conclusion of Habibur Rahman's written statement to Tatsuo Hayashida from Rawalpindi in 1966 is worth quoting: 'Finding that their hold over the services of the country had loosened and the people wanted them now to go home, the British rulers decided to quit India on 14.8.47. Thus the stand of the INA and its leader in particular and the people of India in general was fully vindicated. It is indeed a great tragedy that Mr. Bose had not been able to see for himself the fruits of his life-long freedom struggle. Many in Bharat still believe that he is alive and will turn up some day. How much we wish that he had come back alive. In that case it is more than certain that he would have occupied a dominant position in Indian politics. Thus the relations between Bharat and Pakistan would have been cordial rather than embittered as they are today. He was known to be a most judicious and fair-minded leader. However, the blaze of freedom left by him is still burning and will continue to inspire the freedom-fighters all over the globe for all time to come.' (Sisir Kumar Bose et. al., *A Beacon Across Asia*, p.230)

2. Evidence of five other survivors of the aircrash available in *Netaji Inquiry Committee Report* (Government of India, 1956). Among them Major Kono, Colonel Sakai and Colonel Nonogaki were interviewed again by Professor Leonard A. Gordon in 1979 in the presence of Netaji's daughter Anita. See Leonard A. Gordon, *Brothers against the Raj* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1990), pp. 539-543, 740-741.

3. Evidence of Dr Taneyoshi Yoshimi, the surgeon in charge of the Military Hospital where Netaji was taken after the aircrash, repeated several times between 1946 and the 1990s. Dr Yoshimi made a statement dated 19th October, 1946, on this subject at Stanley Gaol in Hongkong. I read this statement several years ago as it has been available for some time in the British archives in the document numbered War Office 208/3812. I was very surprised to read recent press reports as if this document has only just been discovered. I am in possession of a

copy of this document and can make it available to the Commission, if necessary. Dr Yoshimi gave evidence to the *Netaji Inquiry Committee Report* (Government of India, 1956). He spoke on camera in Charles Bruce's film *Enemy of Empire* broadcast on BBC in August 1995. Professor Gordon makes the plausible suggestion that Netaji may not have asked for water (meju) in Japanese as Dr Yoshimi believed but rather called for Mejda, Sarat Chandra Bose. See also "Appendix 'A' to CSDIC (I) 2 Section Report 1089 on B1189: The Last Movements of S.C. Bose)" in War Office 208/3812.

4. Evidence of assistant doctor, nurses and medical orderly who treated Netaji at the Hospital available in *Netaji Inquiry Committee Report* (Government of India, 1956) . Among them the orderly Private Kazuo Mitsui was interviewed again in 1979.

5. Testimony of Juichi Nakamura, Netaji's interpreter at the Military Hospital, Taipei, and who had interpreted Netaji before.

6. Testimony of S.A. Ayer, minister in the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, who travelled with Netaji up to Saigon on 17th August 1945 and was to follow him in another plane. See S.A. Ayer, *Unto Him A Witness* (Bombay: Thacker, 1951).

7. Report dated 25th July 1946 of John Figgess, Chief of British Intelligence in Mountbatten's Headquarters, who, after a thorough investigation of the aircrash and examination of direct witnesses, confirmed Netaji's death on 18th August 1945. See document No. Mss. Eur C785 available in the India Office records of the British Library.

8. Reports of two groups of intelligence officers led by Finney and Davis sent by the Government of India to Saigon and Taipei. Members of these groups testified before the *Netaji Inquiry Committee* (Government of India, 1956) .

9. Report of Harin Shah, an Indian journalist who visited Taipei in the late 1940s. See Harin Shah, *Verdict from Formosa: Gallant End of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose* (Delhi: Atmaram, 1956).

10. Report of S.A. Ayer on his enquiries in Tokyo in 1951 to the Prime Minister dated 26th September, 1951 and placed in Parliament (Page 103, Annexure 21, Appendix 7 to Parliamentary Debates, Fifth Session, 1952).

There exists, therefore, considerable documentary and oral evidence - testimonies of many direct witnesses broadly consistent with one another - that substantiates the account of Netaji's tragic death in the aircrash of 18th August 1945.

Views of Senior INA Officers and Leaders of the Azad Hind Movement: Since my childhood I have met and heard the views of Netaji's closest associates during the period 1943-1945. An overwhelming majority of senior INA officers and leaders of the Azad Hind movement believed Habibur Rahman's account of Netaji's death. Among those who are still alive, Gurbaksh Singh Dhillon and Lakshmi Sahgal firmly believe that Netaji's remains ought to be brought back with full honours from Japan to India. Dhillon made an emotional plea at the Red Fort on Netaji's

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birth centenary that those of us who believe the account of Netaji's death should be allowed to worship Netaji's remains at a mausoleum in India. S.A. Ayer, Prem Sahgal, Shah Nawaz Khan, Mehboob Ahmed, Debnath Das and numerous others were of the same view. A few like Prem Sahgal had hoped against hope in the late 1940s that Netaji had made another great escape, but after careful examination of the evidence came to believe Habibur Rahman's account and became the staunchest advocates of the return of Netaji's mortal remains to India.

Policy of the Netaji Research Bureau: The Bureau under the leadership of Dr Sisir Kumar Bose chose to concentrate on the life and work of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose rather than fritter away its energies over the fruitless controversy surrounding his death. Dr Sisir Kumar Bose believed that future generations had much to learn from Netaji's book of life which was a source of profound inspiration. Netaji's life could be the subject of study by serious scholars and researchers; Netaji's death had unfortunately become the happy hunting ground for cranks and opportunists.

Sarat Chandra Bose's Response to the News of Netaji's Death: Sarat Bose learnt of Netaji's death as a prisoner in Coonoor on 25th August, 1945. He wrote in his prison diary: 'Today's *Indian Express* and *Hindu* brought the heart-rending news of Subhas's death as a result of an aeroplane crash. Divine Mother, how many sacrifices have we to offer at your altar! Terrible Mother, your blows are too hard to bear! Your last blow was the heaviest and cruellest of all. What divine purpose you are serving thereby you alone know. Inscrutable are your ways! Four or five nights back dreamt that Subhas had come to see me. He was standing on the verandah of this bungalow and appeared to have become very tall in stature. I jumped up to see his face. Almost immediately thereafter, he disappeared.'

Dr Sisir Kumar Bose's Response and Views on Netaji's Death: Sisir Bose learnt of Netaji's death in the aircrash from *The Tribune* newspaper in late August 1945 while he was a prisoner in Lyallpur Jail. He wrote to his mother:

'My dear Mother,

On Friday afternoon *The Tribune* brought me the terrible news. What shall I say? Let's all try to be brave at the loss of one of the bravest of men. His will be done!

I shall anxiously await news about you all at home and particularly about father's health. Please do not be anxious on my account. I shall be all right.'

My Father always drew a distinction between 'evidence' and 'belief'. Having been a prisoner in the Punjab at the moment of the fateful event, he could not be a 'witness' giving 'evidence' before any judicial commission. He had, however, studied all the relevant evidence and in 1965 made his own investigations in Taipei. Based on the most careful consideration of the historical evidence, he had no doubt in his mind that Netaji had died a martyr's death in Taipei on 18th August 1945 and was the only front-rank leader of the Indian independence movement who laid down his life in the battle for freedom. He was deeply sad in his last days that the hysterical opposition of certain fringe groups and non-entities had prevented India from bringing back from Japan the mortal remains of the great leader.

Exploitation of Popular Sentiment: The mass psychological phenomenon of an initial refusal to accept Netaji's death and the early hope that he will one day return as the deliverer of his

country are perfectly understandable. However, this sentiment has been mercilessly exploited by a handful of political and academic charlatans to make all sorts of fraudulent claims about Netaji's alleged whereabouts after 18th August 1945 which has been an easy route to cheap publicity in newspapers. **In particular, there is no evidence whatsoever to suggest that Netaji succeeded in reaching the Soviet Union or Soviet-held Manchuria. Claims to that effect, which are misleading the public, lie in the domain of rumour and speculation, if not wilful fabrication. Not a single piece of primary documentary evidence has been adduced to substantiate such claims.**

Those who are making such preposterous claims appear to want to attract attention to themselves and compensate for personal frustrations. Sadly, these elements include a few "family members" who are otherwise very obscure and inconsequential individuals. Membership of a "family" does not constitute any qualification to address this national and historical issue. In any case, Netaji regarded the entire nation as his large family and would have given no special quarter to "relatives" who have no credentials of their own. Only those who fought and suffered for India's freedom under his leadership and showed unflagging loyalty to him and his cause earned the right to be considered true members of Netaji's inner "family".

Conclusion: The time has come for the people of India to come to terms with the mortal end of a deathless hero. I trust that the esteemed Commission will help them do so by focusing their attention on the historical truth. I am convinced that the people of our country will then prove to be mature enough to put the fact of Netaji's corporeal death behind them and concentrate on celebrating his glorious life and honouring his immortal historical legacy.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you need any further help.

Sincerely,

Sugata Bose

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No.I/12014/13/2000-IS-V(NCB)Vol.IV
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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New Delhi dated 13.8.03

To

Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
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Kolkatta 700087.

Subject: Feasibility of the proposed DNA Test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, kept in the Renkoji temple in Japan, for establishing real identity of the deceased.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/14 dated 10/4/03 (received in this Section on 26/6/03) and reminder dated 23/7/03 on the subject noted above and to inform you as follows:-

- ✓ p 86/cor.
- (i) The JMCI had asked the Indian embassy in Japan to locate experts to ascertain the feasibility of DNA test on the mortal remains kept in Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. The MEA had asked for the advice of MHA in the matter, which has been furnished vide our letter dated 16/6/03 and 16/7/03.
 - (ii) Decision regarding holding of anthropological evaluation for determining the feasibility of DNA test and selection of experts for the purpose fall within the purview of the JMCI and appropriate decisions have to be taken by it. A formal meeting in MHA with MEA and other Ministries/Departments to decide such matters is not considered necessary.
 - (iii) Once the decision is taken by JMCI, MEA may be informed. MEA has indicated that it will facilitate the visit of experts to Japan in so far as liaison with the local government, Renkoji temple authorities etc. are concerned.
 - (iv) If any logistic support from MHA is needed by JMCI, specific proposals for such support may be sent.


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In connection with the proposed DNA test of the mortal remains alleged to be of Netaji kept in Renkoji temple, Tokyo, the following suggestions have been received in this Ministry from Sh. Sugata Bose, Director, Netaji research Bureau, Kolkata :-

- (a) Since these are in all probability the cremated mortal remains of one of the greatest sons of India, please ensure that any test is done with the deepest reverence and respect.
- (b) Any DNA test must be conducted by a top DNA expert or experts in the world.
- (c) Proper sensitivity should be shown to Japanese sentiments. The Japanese have cared for the mortal remains of our leader for 58 years while we Indians have failed to do our duty.

The Commission may like to consider the above suggestions while deciding the matter..

Yours faithfully,


(UMESH KALRA)
DIRECTOR
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Copy to: Shri Vijay Gokhale,
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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Secret

RUCHI GHANASHYAM
Director(CNV)

No.25/4/NGO/Vol.IX

12th August, 2003

Dear Shri Rakesh,

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Please refer to your letter No.I/12014/13/2000-NCB dated 16th July, 2003 regarding the selection of appropriate DNA expert for conducting DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji Temple, Tokyo.

2. As communicated by your above mentioned letter, we have intimated to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry that the appointment of experts for the purpose of DNA test is to be done by the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

3. Meanwhile, we would request you to respond to the other issues raised by former JS(CNV) in our letter of even number dated 24th June, 2003. As highlighted in the above mentioned letter, the subject matter of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry concerns primarily the Ministry of Home Affairs. The role of the MEA is that of a facilitator to make arrangements for the Commission to conduct inquiries abroad or to search for documents abroad. MEA would, therefore, request MHA's clear decisions and instructions on whether the alleged remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept at the Renkoji Temple in Japan is to be subjected to DNA analysis, the manner in which it is to be done and other such issues which involve policy decision that is not within the purview of this Ministry. An early reply is solicited.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

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D.O. No.I/12014/13/2000-IS-D(V) Vol- IV

Dear Shri.....

Please refer to your D.O. No.75/4/NGO/Vol.IX dated 12/8/2003 regarding DNA test on the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

This Ministry's view on the issues relating to DNA test are contained in the letter of even number dated 13/8/2003(~~p-103/e~~) addressed to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry with a copy to JS(CNV) , MEA. A copy thereof is enclosed herewith for your information.

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Enclosure as above

Shri Ruchi Ghanashyam,
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D.O. No.I/12014/13/2000-IS-D(V) Vol- IV dated 3.9.2003

Dear ~~Shri~~.....

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.X

November 03, 2003

Dear *Shri Rakesh,*

No. *2711* /JS (Security)/03
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Please refer to correspondence resting with your letter no. I/12014/13/2000-IS-D (V)-Vol. IV dated 4 September 2003 regarding the issue of DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji Temple in Japan.

2. We have meanwhile received a letter from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) [a copy of which has been endorsed to your office], drawing attention to a news item published on 28.10.95 in the 'Statesman' indicating that the Government had decided to conduct DNA tests on the alleged ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan. A copy of JMCI's letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/245, dated September 5, 2003 is enclosed for your ready reference.

3. The JMCI has drawn attention to references contained in the 1995 news item about the 'composition of a Committee consisting of DNA experts, CBI officials etc.' and about the opinion of two DNA experts- namely Dr. Michalle Holland from the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan from UK. The Commission has sought to know the subsequent developments that transpired after the Government's reported 1995 decision to opt for DNA testing of the alleged ashes of Netaji.

4. As we do not appear to have information on this, and since the JMCI process falls under the purview of the Ministry of Home Affairs, with the role of the Ministry of External Affairs being limited to being that of a facilitator, it is requested that an appropriate response be sent to the JMCI. A background note prepared recently on the basis of information readily available with us, and which was forwarded to the Deputy Prime Minister by External Affairs Minister, is enclosed.

with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

R. Ghanashyam

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MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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October 16, 2003

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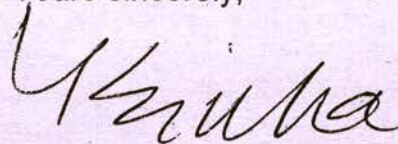
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No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/245

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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

To
Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
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Sir,

Sub: DNA tests of alleged ashes of Netaji

I am directed to invite your attention to a news item captioned " Govt. to authenticate Netaji's 'ashes' by DNA test " published in the Delhi edition of the Statesman of Saturday, October 28, 1995 (by-line Subrata Sen of the Statesman News Service). A copy of the Statesman was filed before this Commission by Sri Surya Kumar Basu, a deponent, along with his affidavit no. JMCI/30.

From the first three paragraphs of the aforesaid news it appears that in 1995 the Govt. of India had decided to conduct DNA tests on the alleged ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan for resolving the controversy shrouding the alleged death of Netaji. It further appears that the Govt. of Japan had agreed to cooperate with the Govt. of India in the matter of the DNA tests and had informed the Govt. of India that a tooth of Netaji had been preserved with the ashes which could be used for the DNA tests.

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Para three of the news further discloses that the Ministry of External Affairs would form a Committee to ascertain whether the ashes kept in the said temple were those of Netaji or not and that such a Committee would be comprised of the members from the CBI, the DNA Testing Laboratory, Hyderabad, the Govt. of Japan, DNA experts from the USA and the UK and members of Netaji's family. It further appears therefrom that two renowned DNA experts namely, Dr. Michalle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the UK, had already been consulted and both of them reportedly said that it would be possible to verify the authenticity of the ashes from the tooth.

I am now directed to request you to let the Commission know what actually happened with regard to the reported decision of the Govt. of India to opt for DNA tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji by forming a Committee consisting of DNA experts, CBI officials, etc.

I am directed to invite your notice to the series of correspondence of the Commission with your Ministry and the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding the Commission's decision to have DNA tests of the alleged ashes of Netaji, if it is found feasible after necessary scientific tests and evaluation. You are definitely aware that an examination of the urn allegedly containing the ashes of Netaji by two senior officials of the Embassy of India in Japan at the behest of the Commission it was found that the said urn contained some bones and bone fragments. The Centre For DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad, and the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, were approached for DNA tests of the alleged ashes containing bones and bone fragments, but the Director of the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology informed their inability to conduct DNA tests in the absence of essential infrastructure for such tests. Thereafter some DNA scientists of the UK, USA and Germany were contacted. From the opinion of some of them it appears that mitochondrial DNA tests may be possible after ascertaining the feasibility of separating DNA by conducting necessary scientific tests and evaluation. Now that the news in the Statesman discloses that as early as in 1995 the Govt. of India, Ministry of External Affairs, decided to form a Committee consisting of DNA experts from the USA and UK, members from CBI and the DNA Testing Laboratory and others for ascertaining by DNA tests whether the alleged ashes were those of Netaji or not, I am directed to request you to make available the services of CDFD, Hyderabad, a competent member of the CBI and the DNA experts named in the third paragraph of the said report, namely Dr. Michalle Holland of the USA and Dr. Kevin Salevan of the UK, to the Commission so that the Commission may with their help and assistance get the DNA tests of the alleged ashes done without any further avoidable delay.

As the matter is extremely urgent, an early reply will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

P.K.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Govt to authenticate Netaji's 'ashes' by DNA test

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STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, Oct. 27. — The Union Government has decided to offer DNA testing of Netaji's 'ashes' kept in Tokyo before taking a decision to bring it back to India with full honours during Mahatma Subhas Chandra Bose's 80th birthday next year.

The controversy that shrouds Netaji's death has necessitated that the Union Government should first go for a scientific test to prove that the ashes kept at Ranjit temple in Tokyo are those of Netaji. The Government of Japan has agreed to cooperate with India in this respect and has informed that a tooth of Netaji is preserved with the ashes, which can be used for the requisite DNA tests.

According to sources in the Ministry of External Affairs, to ascertain whether the ashes kept in Tokyo are those of Netaji, a committee will be formed com-

prising members from the CBI, DNA testing laboratory of Hyderabad, the Government of Japan and DNA experts from the USA and U.K. Members of Netaji's family will also be included in the committee to avoid any further controversy on the subject. Two renowned DNA experts — Dr Michelle Holland of the USA and Dr Kevin Saldivar of the U.K. — had already been consulted and both of them have said that it would be possible to verify the authenticity of the ashes from the tooth.

Incidentally, the remains of Czar Nicholas II, who died in 1917, was verified recently from the remains of bones with DNA samples matched with the Duke of Edinburgh, who is a direct descendant from the mother's side. The Ministry of External Affairs, going by the DNA test of the last Czar, has asked one nephew of Netaji from the mother's side to cooperate in the

DNA testing.

Meanwhile, sources said, the Ministry of External Affairs was trying to collect all information regarding the controversial death theory of a plane crash, which was never believed by a section of Indian population. The authenticity of the ashes has been doubted by many historians too.

According to Ministry sources, the Indian Government, way back in 1956, gave it in writing to the Government of India that the ashes were genuinely those of Netaji's, but India did not react to the confidential report to avoid any political controversy.

The controversy regarding Netaji's "death" mainly arose because the British Intelligence always doubt the "death theory" and ever said that Netaji might be hiding somewhere in the erstwhile USSR. Several British Parliamentarians, quoting Intelligence reports, have



made statements in Parliament on the subject, thereby creating doubts about his "death".

However, with the Moscow archives being opened after the fall of Communism, some more information has come to light. A team from the Islamic Society, after having studied the Archive records, has come to the conclusion that Netaji never visited the

country after 1945. The Union Government is likely to request the Russian Government to issue a statement in this respect.

To confirm the "death theory", the Ministry of External Affairs has also obtained a statement from Mr Bahar Rahman, who was aid-camp of Netaji in INA, and believed to have accompanied Netaji in the aircraft. Officials have traced Mr Rahman in Pakistan and obtained his version of the "accident".

According to Mr Rahman, there was a plane crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945, as a result of which Netaji died. The small aircraft was coming from Saigon (now in Vietnam) to Taihoku to refuel and one of the engines caught fire. While Mr Rahman had a miraculous escape after the crash, Netaji's khaki cotton military dress caught fire while he was trying to escape through the emergency exit. "Netaji came out like

a ball of fire," he said, according to a statement he gave to the press.

Mr Rahman also said that he had seen a small tooth of Netaji, which was deposited at the Ranjit temple in Tokyo.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs, Mr Rahman, who is a resident in India, would not like to bring the ashes without being authenticated. Meanwhile, he visited Ranjit temple in Tokyo on September 8 and met several INA men who live in the temple. Mr Rahman, during his trip to the U.N., also visited Germany to talk to Netaji's family, including Emilie Bose and his daughter Anita, who have supported the idea of bringing the ashes to India.

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(L.K. Advani)

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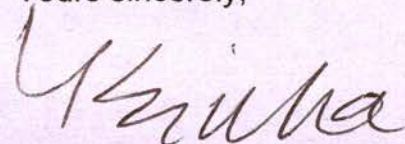
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DO.No.I/12014/13/2000-NCB

Dated 12.1.04

Dear

Please refer to your d.o No.25/4/NGO-Vol.X dated 3.11.03 regarding the issues of ~~DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Renkoji Temple in Japan.~~

2. We have gone through the available MHA

As per our records of the relevant period, it is confirmed that no committee of the type mentioned in the news-item published on 28.10.95 in the "Statesman" was ever constituted by this Ministry.

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Yours sincerely,

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DIRECTOR(S)

DO.No.I/12014/13/2000-NCB

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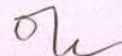
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It will be seen that the news-item contains various references to sources in MEA and JMCI has sought the response of your Ministry in the matter. It will therefore be appropriate if a suitable reply is sent to JMCI from your end

Yours sincerely,


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D.O. No. 25/4/NGO/-Vol.XI

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Please refer to your letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/245, dated September 5, 2003 drawing attention to a news item published on **28.10.95** in the '**Statesman**' indicating that '*the Government had decided to conduct DNA tests on the alleged mortal remains/ashes of Netaji kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan*'.

2. The 1995 news item contains a reference about the 'composition of a Committee consisting of DNA experts, CBI officials etc.'. The matter was referred to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The MHA has conveyed that on scrutiny of available MHA records of the relevant period, it has been found that no Committee of the type mentioned in the news-item was constituted for the said purpose. MHA has also separately clarified the following points related to DNA testing of the alleged mortal remains/ashes of Netaji:-

- The appointment of experts for the purpose of DNA testing is to be done by the Justice Mukerjee Commission.
- Issues like decision on holding of anthropological evaluation to determine feasibility of DNA testing/selection of experts fall under the JMCI's purview.
- JMCI's decision on these issues, as and when taken, could be conveyed to MEA for facilitating the visit of experts to Japan.

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3. The Ministry of Home Affairs has also conveyed suggestions received from Shri Sugata Bose, Director, Netaji Research Bureau, Kolkata underlying the following:-

- (a) the need to ensure that any test is done with the deepest reverence and respect;
- (b) that any DNA test must be conducted by a top DNA expert or experts in the world, and
- (c) that proper sensitivity should be shown to Japanese sentiments.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Ruchi Ghanashyam)

Shri P.K.Sengupta

Secretary

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,

'B' Block (Third Floor),

11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,

Kolkata 700 087

✓ Copy for information to :-

Shri U.K.Kalra, Director, Ministry of Home Affairs, NCB-II
Section, North Block, New Delhi, with reference to his letter
No. I/12014/13/2000-NCB dtd 15.1.2004.

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Ruchi Ghanashyam
Joint Secretary (CNV)

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सुभाष चन्द्र बोस



राष्ट्रीय विचार मंच

केन्द्रीय कार्यालय : "राम भवन" सिविल लाइंस, फैजाबाद . 224 001 (उ.प्र.)

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Home Minister's Office

Dy. No. 5035/04-HMP(H)

Date.....6/7/04.....

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दिनांक 30.06.2004.

प्रक्रांक: 92/04.



सेवा में,

माननीय गृह मंत्री जी,
भारत सरकार,
नई दिल्ली।

विषय : नेताजी सुभाषचन्द्र बोस के विषय में गठित "जस्टिस मुखर्जी कमीशन आफ इन्क्वायरी"
हेतु गृह मंत्रालय के माध्यम से 'मंच' के दो विन्दुओं की ओर ध्यान केन्द्रित करना।

महोदय,

निवेदन है कि महान क्रांतिकारी, विश्वनेता महानायक नेता जी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस के रहस्यमय ढंग से भूमिगत होने/उनकी वायुयान दुर्घटना में तथाकथित मृत्यु के रहस्योद्घाटन हेतु भारत सरकार ने सन् 1999 में एक सदस्यीय जाँच आयोग का गठन किया था। आयोग जाँच का कार्य अभी भी कर रहा है, आयोग के समक्ष उ०प्र० के फैजाबाद (राम भवन) के बहुचर्चित "गुमनामी बाबा प्रकरण" का भी प्रश्न विचाराधीन है जिनके बारे में कुछ तथ्य स्पष्ट करते हैं कि वे ही नेता जी सुभाष थे। ज्ञातव्य है कि इनके आवास (राम भवन) से दर्जनों बक्स नेताजी के सामानों से भरे मिले हैं, आयोग उनमें से कुछ सामान की जाँच कोलकाता ले जाकर कर रहा है। अभी तक प्राप्त जानकारी के अनुसार दाँतों का डी.एन.ए. और हस्तलिपि का परीक्षण कराया गया है। इस संदर्भ में निम्न दो विन्दु 'मंच' आपके समक्ष प्रेषित कर रहा है :-

विन्दु - एक :-

दाँतों का डी.एन.ए. दो विभिन्न ऐजन्सियों द्वारा कराया गया है, दोनों की दो राय है। अतः न्याय हित में होगा कि विश्व के (विदेश) किसी ख्याति प्राप्त फोरेंसिक साइंस लैब द्वारा भी परीक्षण कराया जाय।

विन्दु - दो :-

सरकार ने आयोग को समय सीमा में बांधा नहीं है, फलस्वरूप आयोग एक एक वर्ष करके चार वर्ष ले चुका है, अभी कितनी अवधि और लगेगी कुछ कहना मुश्किल है। विषय के संवेदनशील और विश्व व्यापी महत्व को ध्यान में रखते हुए और देश की जनता की जिज्ञासा को शांत करने की दृष्टि से 'मंच' सादर आग्रह करता है कि आयोग को निर्देशित करने का कष्ट करें कि वह अगले 6 महीनों यानी 2004 के अन्त तक अपनी आख्या से सरकार और जनता को अवगत करा दे।

उपर्युक्त दोनों विन्दुओं को आपके समक्ष रखते हुये 'मंच' अपेक्षा करता है कि गृह मंत्रालय तदनुसार आयोग को निर्देशित करने का कष्ट करेगा।

शक्ति सिंह

सुभाष चन्द्र बोस राष्ट्रीय विचार मंच
रामभवन, सिविल लाइन्स, फैजाबाद (उ०प्र०)

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No.I/12014/13/2000-NCB-II
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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New Delhi dated 23.7.04

To

The Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose,
'B' Block (3rd floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkatta 700087.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of communication No.92/04 dated 30.6.04 received from Sh.Shakti Singh, President, Subhas Chandra Bose, Rashtriya Vichar Manch, Faizabad for information and appropriate action as you may deem fit.



Yours faithfully,


(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

सुभाष चन्द्र बोस



राष्ट्रीय विचार मंच

केन्द्रीय कार्यालय : "राम भवन" सिविल लाइंस, फैजाबाद . 224 001 (उ.प्र.)

शक्ति सिंह
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Home Minister's Office
Dy. No 5075 /04-HMP(H)
Date.....6/7/04.....

05278-220700, 225511

दिनांक 30.06.2004.

प्रक्रांक: 92/04.

सेवा में,

माननीय गृह मंत्री जी,
भारत सरकार,
नई दिल्ली।

विषय : नेताजी सुभाषचन्द्र बोस के विषय में गठित "जस्टिस मुखर्जी कमीशन आफ इन्क्वायरी"
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महोदय,

निवेदन है कि महान् क्रान्तिकारी, विश्वनेता महानायक नेता जी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस के रहस्यमय ढंग से भूमिगत होने/उनकी वायुयान दुर्घटना में तथाकथित मृत्यु के रहस्योद्घाटन हेतु भारत सरकार ने सन् 1999 में एक सदस्यीय जाँच आयोग का गठन किया था। आयोग जाँच का कार्य अभी भी कर रहा है, आयोग के समक्ष उओप्रओ के फैजाबाद (राम भवन) के बहुचर्चित "गुमनामी बाबा प्रकरण" का भी प्रश्न विचाराधीन है जिनके बारे में कुछ तथ्य स्पष्ट करते हैं कि वे ही नेता जी सुभाष थे। ज्ञातव्य है कि इनके आवास (राम भवन) से दर्जनों बक्स नेताजी के सामानों से भरे मिले हैं, आयोग उनमें से कुछ सामान की जाँच कोलकाता ले जाकर कर रहा है। अभी तक प्राप्त जानकारी के अनुसार दाँतों का डी.एन.ए. और हस्तलिपि का परीक्षण कराया गया है। इस संदर्भ में निम्न दो विन्दु 'मंच' आपके समक्ष प्रेषित कर रहा है :-

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उपर्युक्त दोनों विन्दुओं को आपके समक्ष रखते हुये 'मंच' अपेक्षा करता है कि गृह मंत्रालय तदनुसार आयोग को निर्देशित करने का कष्ट करेगा।

Dy. No. 2752 DIR (3)
Date 14/7/04



Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
(Former Principal Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)
Secretary

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
For inquiry into the alleged disappearance of
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Appointed by the Govt. of
India, Ministry of Home Affairs
'B' Block (3rd floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087

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D.O. No. JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(iii)/ 46

May 26, 2004

Dear Sir,

This Commission has been set up by the Government of India for inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, a national leader of India, as the claim of some people that he died in a plane crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945 and was cremated there and that his ashes were preserved in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, is disputed by others. The points of inquiry before the Commission include, inter-alia, the following :-

1. Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose died in the alleged plane crash.
2. Whether the alleged ashes kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

A recent inspection of the casket has revealed that it contains :

1. Some pieces of bone fragments greenish in colour;
2. Two flat pieces appearing to be parts of the skull;
3. A brown paper bundle containing what appears to be teeth and other bone fragments;
4. A thing what appears to be a portion of the jaw with recesses where teeth might have been;
5. More bone fragments;

For a thorough and scientific probe into the points of inquiry and, for that matter, to establish the identity of the deceased this Commission intends to get DNA tests done in respect of the above mortal remains. Now the question is whether DNA tests can be conducted on the said mortal remains for the purpose indicated above if blood samples are made available from both paternal and maternal lineage of Subhas Chandra Bose. In other words, the Commission wants to know about the feasibility of DNA tests on the mortal remains for the purpose of establishing the identity of deceased.

Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, India, and Dr. V.K.Kashyap, Director, Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata, India have highly recommended your name and furnished the Commission with your address and bio-data. They have also made the Commission acquainted with some of your remarkable achievements in this field. Both of them regard you as the right person for the nature of scientific work required to be done for the purposes of this inquiry. If

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Date 11/6/04

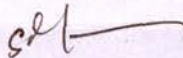
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intended DNA test of the said mortal remains is feasible, the Commission may be informed of the procedure to be followed, steps to be taken and your terms and conditions for rendering your valuable services for this purpose to the Commission.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

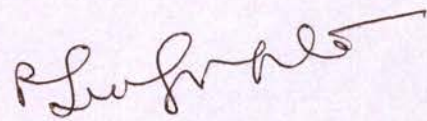

(P.K Sengupta)
Secretary

To
Prof. N. Saitou.
Department of Genetics,
National Institute of Genetics,
University of Tokyo,
1111, Yata, Mishima, 411-8540,
Japan

D.O. No. JMCI/ EO/2002-2003/83(iii)/46/1

May 26, 2004

Copy forwarded to Sri Rajesh, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.


(P.K Sengupta)
Secretary

सुभाष चन्द्र बोस



राष्ट्रीय विचार मंच

केन्द्रीय कार्यालय : "राम भवन" सिविल लाइंस, फैजाबाद . 224 001 (उ.प्र.)

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Home Minister's Office

Dy. No. 5695/04-HMP(H)

Date... 30.6.04.....

दिनांक 25.7.04.....

पत्रांक: 137/04.

प्रथम स्मृति पत्र

सेवा में,

माननीय गृह मंत्री जी,
भारत सरकार
नई दिल्ली2984/210700
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विषय : गुमनामी बाबा के कथित दांत की डी०एन०ए० परीक्षण विदेश के किसी ख्याति प्राप्त फॉरेंसिक साइंस लैबोरेट्री से कराया जाय और जांच 2004 के अन्त तक संपूर्ण परिणाम एक साथ जनता के सूचनार्थ घोषित किये जाय।

महोदय,

सादर निवेदन है कि उपर्युक्त विषयक पत्र "मंच" ने दिनांक 30.6.2004 को (पत्र संख्या-93/04)

आप को भेजा था, लगभग एक माह हो रहे हैं, विषय पर आप के कार्यालय से कोई प्रतिक्रिया अभी तक न मिलने से चिन्ता का होना स्वाभाविक है।

इस स्मृति पत्र के माध्यम से आपसे पुनः निवेदन है कि कृपया विषय की संवेदनशीलता व गम्भीरता को ध्यान में रखते हुये शीघ्र कार्यवाही करने का कष्ट करें। हम चाहते हैं कि विषय भविष्य के लिये न छोड़कर भारत की सुभाष भक्त जनता के समक्ष शीघ्र 'सत्य' रखा जाय, आपका प्रयास एक नये इतिहास के रूप में सदैव याद किया जायेगा।

आपका !

भवदीय

(शक्ति सिंह)

सुभाष चन्द्र बोस राष्ट्रीय विचार मंच
केन्द्रीय कार्यालय, रामभवन सिविल लाइन्स
फैजाबाद (उ० प्र०)

No.I/12014/13/2000-NCB-II

Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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New Delhi dated 4.10.04

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To


The Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose,
'B' Block (3rd floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkatta-700087.

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter of even No. dated 23.7.04 the undersigned is directed to forward herewith the 2nd communication dated 25.7.04 received from Shri Shakti Singh, President, Subhas Chandra Bose, Rashtriya Vichar Manch, Faizabad for information and necessary action as deemed fit.

Yours faithfully,




(UMESH KALRA)
DIRECTOR(S) 5/10

सुभाष चन्द्र बोस



राष्ट्रीय विचार मंच

केन्द्रीय कार्यालय : "राम भवन" सिविल लाइन्स, फैजाबाद . 224 001 (उ.प्र.)

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Home Minister's Office

Dy. No. 5697/04-HMP(H)

Date.....30.6.04.....

दिनांक 25.7.04

पत्रांक: 134/04

प्रथम स्मृति पत्र

सेवा में,

माननीय गृह मंत्री जी,
भारत सरकार
नई दिल्ली

विषय : गुमनामी बाबा के कथित दांत की डी0एन0ए0 परीक्षण विदेश के किसी ख्याति प्राप्त फॉरेंसिक साइंस लैबोरेट्री से कराया जाय और जांच 2004 के अन्त तक संपूर्ण परिणाम एक साथ जनता के सूचनार्थ घोषित किये जाय।

महोदय,

सादर निवेदन है कि उपर्युक्त विषयक पत्र "मंच" ने दिनांक 30.6.2004 को (पत्र संख्या-93/04)

आप को भेजा था, लगभग एक माह हो रहे हैं, विषय पर आप के कार्यालय से कोई प्रतिक्रिया अभी तक न मिलने से चिन्ता का होना स्वाभाविक है।

इस स्मृति पत्र के माध्यम से आपसे पुनः निवेदन है कि कृपया विषय की संवेदनशीलता व गम्भीरता को ध्यान में रखते हुये शीघ्र कार्यवाही करने का कष्ट करें। हम चाहते हैं कि विषय भविष्य के लिये न छोड़कर भारत की सुभाष भक्त जनता के समक्ष शीघ्र 'सत्य' रखा जाय, आपका प्रयास एक नये इतिहास के रूप में सदैव याद किया जायेगा।

आपका !

भवदीय

(शक्ति सिंह)

सुभाष चन्द्र बोस राष्ट्रीय विचार मंच
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फैजाबाद (उ० प्र०)



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D.O.No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(III)/269

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Yours



(P.K. Sengupta)
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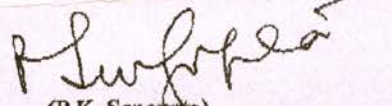
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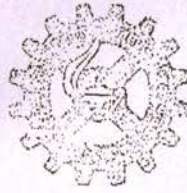
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Shri Justice M K Mukherjee
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JMCI/145
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प्रतिष्ठा में,

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Home Minister's Office
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Date 31/8/04

विषय : संस्था के नाम परिवर्तन एवं पंजीकृत होने की सूचना ।

महोदय,

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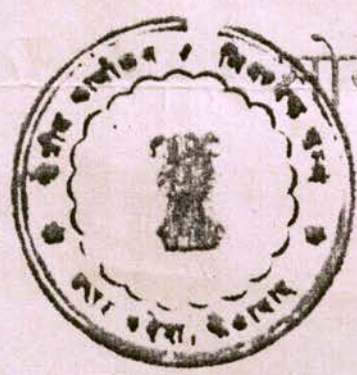
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(शक्ति सिंह)

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सोसाइटी-रजिस्ट्रीकरण
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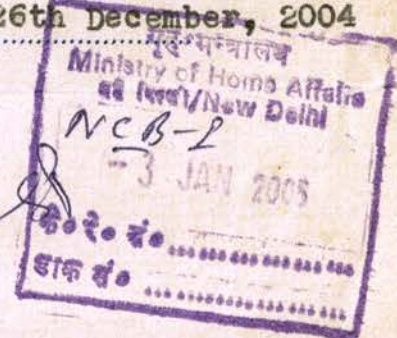
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Dear Sir,

Re. : Hearing of the Netaji Inquiry Commission
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This is to inform that on the last date of hearing,
9th December, 2004 the witnesses : (1) Dr. V.K. Kashyap, Director,
Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolkata - 700 017, and
(2) Sri Amar Singh, Govt. Examiner of Questioned Documents,
Bureau of Police Research and Development, Ministry of Home
Affairs, Government of India, Railway Board Building, Simla-171003,
- who examined as experts, several handwriting forwarded by the
Hon'ble Commission, were summoned for their examination, but did
not attend.

As has been desired by the Hon'ble Chairman of the
Commission, you are requested to take necessary steps to ensure
their presence at the said next hearing on 7th January, 2004,
which day is the last day for taking evidence and on which day
hearing arguments is going to be started.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Tarakeswar Pal

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Please convey the necessary instructions, if any,
from your end, in the proceeding of argument in the hearing
of the Commission, immediately, which is being started on
7th January, 2005.

With this may I ask for return of the Affidavits
by several deponents as sent to you, immediately.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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As the JMCI has been assigned to evolve an outstanding and controversial issue relating to disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in 1945, it will be appreciated if all types of assistance and cooperation is extended as and when the Commission needs. It is also requested that direction of the JMCI may be complied by the concerned officers/experts as and when it needs.

(UMESH KALRA)
DIRECTOR(S)

Shri L.C. Amarnathan, Director General (BPR&D), Block No.11, 4th Floor, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi

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2. It is stated that Dr.Kashyap is presently posted as Director in the Central
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correspondence.

(A.K.Sood)

Assistant Director(Adm)

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MHA (Shri Umesh Kalra, Director(S) Security Division)

BPR&D UO No.15/2/2004-PA

Dated 27 January, 2005.

Copy for information to

Dr.M.S.Rao, Director cum Chief Forensic Scientist, Directorate of Forensic Science,
Block No.11, 4th Floor, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi for information alongwith the
letter referred to above in original for further needful please.

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Assistant Director(Adm)

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Dr. M. S. Rao*

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No. DFS/19(1)/2003
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
Directorate of Forensic Science

Block No.11. 3'4th Floor,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi-110 003

Dated: February 2005

To

The Director,
Central Forensic Science Laboratory,
Kolkata.

The Government Examiner of Questioned Documents,
Shimla.

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji
Subhash Chandra Bose – reg

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of UO note No. I/12014/13/2000-IS(D.V)NCB-II dated 17th January 2005 received from the Ministry of Home Affairs on the subject mentioned above and to request you to please assist, cooperate and extend all possible help on priority to the Justice Mukhrjee Commission as and when required by them.

Yours faithfully,

(K. V. Ravikumar)
Sr. Scientific Officer Gr. I (FS)

✓ Copy forwarded for information to MHA (Shri Umesh Kalra, Director(S), Security Division, New Delhi with reference to their UO No. I/12014/13/2000-ISD.V)/NCB-II dated 20-01-2005

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L.D.Ralte
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.XIV

25 April 2005

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Dear

Reference correspondence regarding DNA testing of the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the **Renkoji Temple in Japan**.

2. JMCI has already been informed vide our letter no. 25/4/NGO-XI dated 31 May 2004 that **Reverend Mochizuki**, the **Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple** in Tokyo, had conveyed to our Ambassador in Tokyo that even though he had reservations from the spiritual angle, he had no objection to a DNA test being conducted on the mortal remains in his custody. It was further conveyed that if the DNA test confirms the remains to be those of Netaji, he would be willing to hand over to India the casket containing the ashes, but he would also like to keep a portion of the remains in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. JMCI, when informed of this, had conveyed its 'no objection' to the Head Priest's request.

3. Thereafter, the Mission made a formal proposal to **Reverend Mochizuki** to allow a competent person from the **Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad** to be deputed by the Justice Mukerjee Commission of Inquiry to select the pieces from the mortal remains.

4. The response received from **Reverend Mochizuki** to this formal proposal is enclosed, alongwith an unofficial English translation. The Chief Priest has agreed to the DNA testing of the remains, but has requested for sufficient notice of the arrival of the expert/s from India. He has also requested for recognition of his **father** and for himself in case of positive confirmation of the DNA testing.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(L.D.Ralte)

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Shri M. Roy
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block (Third Floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087

✓ Copy for information to :-

Shri U.K.Kalra, Director, Ministry of Home Affairs, NCB-II Section, North Block, New Delhi, with reference to correspondence resting with the status position on the DNA testing issue, outlined in enclosure to MEA U.O no. 25/4/NGO-Vol XII, dated 21 October 2004.

Dr. M.M. Chakrabarti
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L.D. RALTE
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(IV)/33

May 20, 2005

From : The Secretary

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

To

The Joint Secretary (CNV),

Ministry of External Affairs,

Government of India,

New Delhi-110001

Sub: Proposed DNA test on the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
kept in the Renkoji Temple in Japan

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your D.O. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol..XIV dated April 25, 2005 received by this Commission on May 2, 2005 on the above subject and to state certain facts before replying to your letter under reference.

On June 16, 2004 the Commission received from the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi his letter No.25/4/NGO-XI dated May 31, 2004 in which the Commission was informed that the Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple had given his clearance for the DNA test on the mortal remains lying in his custody subject to the condition that in the event of those remains being confirmed, on such test, to be those of Netaji, he would be willing to hand over to India the casket containing the ashes after keeping a portion of the remains in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo. If in consideration of the aforesaid offer of the Head Priest, the Commission, it was further stated in that letter, decided to conduct the DNA test, a formal request would have to be made to the Head Priest, and Ministry of External Affairs would be happy to discuss the further steps to be taken in pursuance of such decision of the Commission. In reply, the Commission addressed its D.O. letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-03/83/(III)/86 dated June 17, 2004 to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs confirming its decision

to conduct the DNA test on the ashes, communicating its acceptance of the Head Priest's offer in toto and requesting the Ministry to take further necessary action in the matter. While the Commission was awaiting the Ministry's response in this regard, it (the Commission) received from the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad their letter dated November 3, 2004 containing an advice for collection of potentially less charred bone pieces from the ashes kept at the Renkoji Temple and transmission of the same to India for the purpose of ascertaining the feasibility of the proposed DNA test. A copy of that letter was forwarded by the Commission to the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs along with its D.O. letter No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83/(III)/269 dated November 9, 2004 with a request to let the Commission know whether the Renkoji Temple authorities would accede to a request to allow a competent person to be deputed by the Commission to sort out the potentially less charred pieces of bones from the casket containing the ashes lying with the Renkoji Temple. The Commission forwarded a copy of that letter together with a copy of the enclosure thereof to the Director(S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi also for information and necessary action. Copies of those correspondence are enclosed for ready reference.

The letter under reference which is, in fact, your reply to the Commission's D.O. letter dated November 9, 2004 referred to above reveals, inter alia, that the Indian Mission in Japan having made in deference to the Commission's request a formal proposal to the Head Priest of the Temple to allow a competent person to be deputed by the Commission for the purpose of selection of potentially less charred bone pieces from the mortal remains lying with the Temple, the Head Priest had sent a reply thereto, agreeing to the DNA testing of the remains. A copy of the Head Priest's reply together with English translation thereof has also been made available to the Commission along with the letter under reference. The reply received from the Head Priest does not, however, answer much less approve the formal proposal forwarded to him at the instance of this Commission.

In the circumstances stated above, I am further directed to request you kindly to persuade the Temple authorities to give their consent to selection of potentially less charred bones from the casket in terms of the fourth paragraph of the Commission's D.O. letter dated November 9, 2004 referred to above so as to facilitate the DNA testing without further loss of time.

Encls: As above.

Yours faithfully

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Secretary

No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(IV)/33/1

May 20, 2005

Copy with copies of enclosures forwarded to:

The Joint Secretary (S),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi-110 001 - for information and favour of taking necessary action.

Encls:As above



Secretary

विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI



L.D. Ralte
Director(CNV)

No.25/4//NGO-XI

31 May 2004

Dear

Shri Sengupta,

This is with reference to the DNA testing of remains said to be of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

2. We have been informed by our Ambassador in Tokyo that Rev. Mochizuki, the Head Priest of the Renkoji Temple, in Tokyo, where the above remains are kept, has informed him that even though he has some reservations from the spiritual angle, he has no objection to a DNA test being conducted on the mortal remains in his custody. If the DNA test confirm the remains to be those of Netaji, he would be willing to hand over to India the casket containing the ashes, but he would also like to keep a portion of the remains in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo.

3. The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry may kindly consider the offer of Rev. Mochizuki above. If it is decided to conduct the DNA test, a formal request will have to be made to the Head Priest. Once a decision has been made by the Commission, this Ministry would be happy to discuss the further steps that need to be taken. The External Affairs Minister has conveyed his willingness to meet with the Chairman of the Commission once the decision has been taken.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)
(L.D. Ralte)

Shri Pradyot Kumar Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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For inquiry into the alleged disappearance of
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India, Ministry of Home Affairs
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D.O. No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)86

June 17, 2004

Dear

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-XI dated May 31, 2004 regarding DNA test of the mortal remains said to be of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji Temple of Tokyo.


I am directed to say that the Commission has already decided to conduct DNA test of the aforesaid mortal remains kept in the Renkoji Temple of Tokyo and to request you to take further necessary action in the matter.

I am further directed to say that the Commission has no objection to the stipulation mentioned in the second sentence of the first para of your above-quoted letter.


An early reply regarding further progress in the matter will be appreciated.

With

Yours


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Sri L.D.Ralte
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi 110 001



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Dear

I am directed to request you to kindly refer to your letter No. 25/4/NGO-XII dated 31 May, 2004 regarding DNA test of the alleged ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in the Renkoji Temple and also to my d.o. letter No. JMCI/EO/2002-03/83(III)/86 dated June 17, 2004 in reply to your letter.

Drawing your attention to the third para of your above-quoted letter dated 3rd May, 2004, I am directed to request you to let the Commission know whether any formal request was made to the Head Priest of the temple and, if so, the result of that request. In my d.o. letter No. 83(III)/86 dated 17th June, 2004 I informed you that the Commission had no objection to the stipulation mentioned in the second sentence of the first para of your above-quoted letter dated 31 May, 2004. Till now no reply to my d.o. letter dated 17th June, 2004 has been received.

Meanwhile, the photographs of the alleged ashes, as received from the Indian Embassy in Japan, were shown to Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, CCMB at Hyderabad. I am directed to send herewith a copy of his letter No. CCMB/LS dated November 3, 2004 addressed to the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission in which he has expressed his opinion about the feasibility or otherwise of the DNA test of the alleged ashes.


Inviting your notice to the third para of the letter of Dr. Lalji Singh, I would request you to kindly intimate the Commission whether the Chief Priest of the Renkoji Temple would accede to a request to allow a competent person to be deputed by the Commission 'to sort out the potentially less charred pieces of bones' from the casket containing the alleged ashes for the purpose of ascertaining whether DNA may be extracted from such pieces of bones.

Further action will be taken by the Commission after receiving your reply.

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With regards,

Yours


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Enc: As above


Mr. L.D.Ralte
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D.O.No.JMCI/EO/2002-2003/83(iii)/269/1

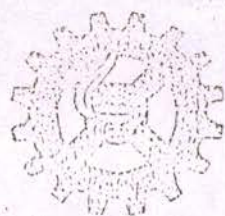
November 9, 2004

Copy forwarded to Sri U.K.Kalra, Director (S), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001 for information and necessary action. Copy of the letter NO CCMB/LS dated 3rd November, 2004 of Dr. Lalji Singh, Director, CCMB is enclosed.

Enc: As above


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Dr. Lalji Singh
Director

No. DCCMB/LS
November 3, 2004

Shri Justice M K Mukherjee
The Hon'ble Chairman
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
Kolkata 700 087

Dear Shri Mukherjee,

Shri P K Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose came to CCMB, Hyderabad on 2nd November 2004 at 10:00 pm. He came to the laboratory on 3rd November at 10:30 am and a meeting was held with the Director, CCMB, Dr Lalji Singh and the Scientist-in-charge of the Ancient DNA Facility, Dr K Thangaraj.

The photographs of the ashes supposed to be that of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose were carefully looked at. From the photographs, it appears that the bones are completely burnt leaving very little hope for the survival of DNA. However, on the examination of plates 4 and 6, it appears that there may be some portions of teeth and jaw bones relatively less charred compared to the other bones. Attempts could be made to bring those pieces of bones, which are relatively less charred to isolate DNA and to establish the identity of the deceased.

The Ancient DNA Facility at CCMB, which has been set-up with the funding support of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is fully functional. It is advisable that a scientist, specifically molecular biologist, could be requested to sort out the potentially less charred pieces of bones from a place of its storage in Japan to bring it to India. These selected pieces could be sealed in a plastic bag and brought to India at room temperature. It is not required to store the pieces of bones in ice or dry ice container. We are retaining the photographs brought by Shri Sengupta for our records.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

[Lalji Singh]